

Date: 21/09/20

Dear parents and Carers,



Please see below my weekly update

We have been very impressed as the weeks continue by the return to school and the way that our students have adapted to the new structures and systems. Having spoken to lots of young people over the last three weeks many have commented on how pleased they are with the changes made, especially at break and lunch time.

### Curriculum overview

Due to the impact of Covid-19 over teachers have worked incredibly hard to ensure a recovery curriculum is in place, all units of work have been reviewed and where needed adapted to ensure students receive their full entitlement. In order to keep parents updated I have asked Mr McEvoy (Deputy Principal Curriculum) to write to you all with detailed curriculum plans and overviews. The information we share will also be placed on the school website for you to view and discuss with your child what they have been/will be learning.

For Year 11 parents, you may be aware that changes to specifications have been made in some subjects at GCSE. Please be rest assured that teachers are working hard to implement these changes to ensure students are fully prepared for the public examinations next year. More detail will follow as explained above from Mr McEvoy

### Covid update:

I trust that you have found the information we have sent since the start of the year of use and you are clear as parents/carers what to do if your child or a member of your household should show symptoms.

Whilst we have had to send bubbles home to isolate I wanted to reassure you all that we have robust risk assessments in place in line with direct advice from the Department for Education and the health and safety of all students and staff remains my number one priority.

**Please can I remind parents however that if your child has one of the three main symptoms or any member of your household is awaiting a test result you must not send your child into school.**

Please contact the academy if you are unsure of what to do. Please refer to my letter dated 18/09/20 for how to book a test. If your child does have to isolate as part of a bubble please see our website for details of our online lessons and timetables.



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### **Music Award**

Last week I was delighted to receive the news that we have been nominated to become a Music Mark School in recognition of the value we place on music in our curriculum. At GCSE level Music outcomes are significantly better than the national average for the subject and this new award will enable us to further enhance our provision. A special thank you goes to Ms De Voy for her passion and enthusiastic teaching of music, without which the award would not have been possible.

### **Poetry competition**

We are celebrating @PoetryDayUK this year by taking part in a poetry completion organised across the 52 Oasis academies. Students have been told about this in their English lessons so please encourage your child to take part. The deadline for all entries is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Continuing roadworks**

Please be aware that the roadworks I wrote to you about some weeks ago have now been extended. Significant disruption has been caused to King William Street, Broadway and Trafford Road. I am in constant communication with Salford LA about the works taking place to ensure the safety of our students, however please can I ask parents/carers to be extra vigilant when dropping/collecting your child. Road Safety assemblies were delivered to all year groups last week but please discuss this with your child. Additionally, if dropping off/collecting your child from King William Street please do not park on the double yellow lines as this leads to further congestion and poses a potential safety risk. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### **Video messages**

In order to ensure all our community are fully updated and from parental feedback I have asked the senior leadership team to provide mini-video updates from next week in addition to communication via letter. You will be notified by text message in the usual way and video clips will be short.

With kind regards

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