



Date: 07/05/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend, despite the rain. It's been a few weeks since my last update and a busy first two weeks of term, please find below main messages:

### **Covid update:**

I am pleased to report that there have been no reported positive cases since the return to school. The virus does remain within the Salford community and a number of schools have had to ask students to isolate so please be aware of the importance of continuing to follow all Covid safety measures.

Testing continues to play a crucial role in the fight against coronavirus. Students should continue to test themselves twice a week and report their results. The Department for Education have produced a blog on why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test, featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case. Please can I ask that all tests are reported as above.

[https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/04/23/heres-why-reporting-your-test-result-is-as-important-as-taking-a-test/?utm\\_source=29%20April%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/04/23/heres-why-reporting-your-test-result-is-as-important-as-taking-a-test/?utm_source=29%20April%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

If your child does test positive do not send your child into school and report this immediately on 0161 8866500 or [info@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:info@oasismediacityuk.org)

### **Year 11:**

Year 11 are currently continuing with their courses for each subject and completing assessments to demonstrate their current level of learning. They have achieved so much in such a short space of time and we are very proud of their efforts but there is still more to do. The week beginning the 17<sup>th</sup> May students will complete their final round of assessments, once complete we will be deliberating over final grades for each student in each subject, we have recently uploaded our 'Centre Assessment Policy' which details our approach to deciding grades, this can be found on the school website. Upon completion of the final assessments students will still be expected to attend school as we will be using this time to gather any additional evidence for students, prepare for college and complete any aspects of courses that were not delivered due to COVID. We are still awaiting confirmation of a 'leaving date' for year 11 but we will inform you as soon as we receive further guidance on this matter.

**To aid in the above process and to provide additional support for Year 11 we will close early on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm, this is for all students.**

### **Mental health and wellbeing:**

Please note the extensive resources available on our academy website regarding wellbeing, do take a look at what is available both in terms of academy and external support. As always, please contact the academy if you would like to discuss this further or would like to discuss any concerns with us.



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### **Attendance:**

Attendance to school from March 8<sup>th</sup> has been pleasing with the vast majority of students having good attendance. Monitoring of attendance has started again for those students whose absence is currently of concern with letters and meetings in place. Having good attendance is vital to ensuring students meet their potential and make progress. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance at any time, please contact our Attendance Officer on [joanne.haslam@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:joanne.haslam@oasismediacityuk.org)

### **Curriculum – Please see curriculum update below from Mr McEvoy:**

Our curriculum has now transitioned from online to being fully delivered within school and we are really happy about this, we love leaning in classrooms as are the students. This has allowed us to deliver face-to-face teaching for all of our subjects albeit with COVID restrictions still in place such as socially distanced teaching and the wearing of face coverings in classrooms. Safety is still of paramount importance and the students have been excellent in keeping each other safe during lessons and if this continues we will slowly but surely begin to teach in our 'normal' way in the future. We look forward to the day that we are able to move around the building and attend all of our lessons in their departmental spaces making full use of the time and resources they have such as the laboratories in Science or the workroom in Design Technology, currently we have only been able to do small amounts of this type of learning due to the bubble system we have in place.

That said we have still been able to offer our full suite of subjects in all year groups. You can access information about what we are learning about by clicking below:

- [Year 7](#)
- [Year 8](#)
- [Year 9](#)
- [Year 10](#)
- [Year 11](#)

### **Year 9 options:**

From September 2021, year nine will begin their GCSE courses but before this we will be speaking with students to discuss their options and we will host an options event to ensure each and every student is fully informed about the choices they will make. Students will make their option choices at the start of half term six.

### **Home Learning:**

We use [www.satchelone.com/login](http://www.satchelone.com/login) to set and collect all of your child's homework. We expect all of our students to log in each week to complete their weekly homework task. To see our home learning rota and more help and advice on how to help your child at home please click [here](#). Please ensure your child has signed up to Satchel One: Show My homework so they can reap all of the rewards of extra learning at home, this can be access via the app store on Android or Apple devices also.



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**Eid:**

Next week we approach the end of Ramadan with our Muslim families celebrating Eid Ul Fitr. Hannah Miller our Hub Leader has explained the following, 'As a multi-faith academy, community hub and church, we want to celebrate Eid with our families at Oasis MediaCityUK. Many of our families have experienced loss this year and are still unable to celebrate as they usually would with a large party full of family and friends.' A crowd funder page has also been set up with monies donated being given to Oasis India. Please visit the Hub website for further information.

As always thank you for your support as we navigate through these ever changing times

With kind regards

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