



PKN/SBR

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Even with the challenges that the pandemic brings schools we have tried to make the end of term an exciting one with numerous festive activities. A festive lunch was enjoyed by over one hundred students in Year 7/8 on Tuesday and the staff and students have dressed up today to raise money for GOSH (Great Ormond's Street Hospital). Student attendance has been celebrated with a 'Show up to glow up' party for the best attending year group and rewards also going out to the best attending tutor group in each year.

### Reporting Process

As we endeavour to become more sustainable, we have taken the decision to move to paperless reports. This will start with Assessment Point 1, please refer to the Assessment Structure letter for the expected dates that was sent out during Term 1.

All reports will be emailed to:

- Parent / Carer contact email address
- Student Academy email address

If you have changed your email address and have not informed the Academy please contact [info@oasisbrislington.org](mailto:info@oasisbrislington.org) with an up to date email address.

### Parental Communication

We are always looking to improve our communication with parent/carers. In order to make your child's information easier to access we will be moving to use the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app. MCAS is an online portal for parents that enables them to view their child's performance at school in real-time via the web. The facility allows the child's attendance, grades and behaviour to all be accessed whenever the parent/carer wants.

As well as pupil performance data, the portal also provides general information about school, such as the school calendar and any announcements. Parents/carers no longer need to wait for termly reports to obtain information about their child, they can check whenever they want for up-to-date information. We will be sending out a separate letter about how to access this portal at the start of Term 3.

### Timetable Terms 3 & 4

Blended Learning Lessons were introduced at the start of the year in order to create separate lunch times for each year group. This has had an impact on the amount of 'face to face' time some subjects have seen in Terms 1 and 2. In order to try to share this unavoidable impact across the curriculum we

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will be changing the order of lessons in a day. During today's tutor period students received an updated timetable and it is this order that we will be using for Terms 3 and 4.

### **Period 6**

Unfortunately due to the pandemic and the limitations that it has placed on the timetable and activities that are permitted we are still not able to start our Period 6 programme during Terms 3 and 4. I am hopeful that the full programme will be running after the Easter break during the summer term. Both Year 11 Boost sessions and the Year 7-10 Extra Entitlement sessions will continue to run during the Spring Term.

### **Uniform Expectations**

One of the key recommendations during the pandemic is for windows to remain open so that the building is well ventilated. This means that as the weather gets colder so does the building. As the temperature drops inside we are aware that we need to allow students to keep their coats on so they are able to stay warm, especially in the atrium. I would however like to ask you to remind your child that if they feel it necessary to also wear a jumper under their blazer and coat that it needs to be a black v neck jumper not a hoodie or other branded top.

### **Staffing**

As I am sure you are already aware from talking with your children, we have a couple of members of staff leaving us at the end of this term. Miss White (English) and Mr Hansford (Design and Technology) will be leaving, can I say a huge thank you for all their hard work whilst they have been working at Oasis Academy Brislington. Mr Brown joined the Design and Technology team from the start of December and Mr Goddard will be joining the English team from January 2021.

### **Key Dates Term 3**

INSET Day 04/01/21

Term 3 begins for students 05/01/2021

Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening 21/01/21

INSET Day 05/02/21

SEND Students Parent Meetings 10/02/21

Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening 11/02/21

Term 3 Finishes for students 12/02/21

### **COVID Update**

The Government have announced that there will be a period between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of December in which 3 households can meet up. The guidance on what this means can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>

We know that the easiest way for COVID to spread is when people meet up indoors and encourage you to consider the risk, particularly to older or vulnerable members of your family at this time.

Increasing ventilation, keeping physical distance, hand hygiene, keeping to your 3-household bubble and importantly if you are unwell not meeting with others may help reduce this risk. Unfortunately, due to the relaxation of restrictions Public Health England expect to see an increase in COVID infections in Bristol after Christmas and together we want to look at how to safely return to school in January.

To keep your child and other children safe it is important that children do not come to school at the beginning of term if they

- Have any symptoms of COVID – new cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell (until 10 days after symptoms have started)
- Live with someone who has COVID symptoms (until 10 days self-isolation has been completed)
- Have been told to self- isolate by National Test and Trace (until the date they say self-isolation ends and they can return)

Finally, can I wish you and your families a happy and safe festive season. We look forward to welcoming your child or children back to the Academy on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Kind Regards,



Peter Knight  
Principal