



8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

May I wish you a Happy New Year and acknowledge what a fantastic start the students have made to Term 3 during what is a very turbulent time. Although the Christmas and New Year holiday now seems like a distant memory as we end the first week of Term 3, I wanted to write to you all in relation to a number of areas.

Year 11 Examinations

No doubt you will be aware of the current educational landscape where we have recently been informed that summer 2021 examinations will not go ahead in the same format as usual. We are expecting more clarity in the days and weeks to come as to what that looks like and means for our students.

Mass Testing

Oasis Community Learning have been working hard to implement this government initiative. They have been piloting the process with three academies across the country to ensure that we have robust plans in place before we deliver mass testing. The aim is to begin to roll out Covid-19 Flow Testing for those Key Worker/vulnerable students onsite who have agreed to be tested from the week being Monday 18th January 2021.

Accessing Remote Learning

Please be aware that it is possible to access our online learning platform Microsoft Teams through an Xbox or PlayStation gaming console. If you follow the hyperlink below you will be taken to a step by step guide on you tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiNzN8QxIRI>

Nine Habits

To help our students with the process of personal growth and development we have the Oasis 9 Habits. It is our bespoke and unique approach to character development. The month of January sees us focus on being '*patient*', which will be explored through assemblies and the PSHE programme and is very apt given the current situation we find ourselves in with the pandemic.

Bad Weather

This time of year brings with it the threat of bad weather. In the event of snow we will do everything we can to try to keep the Academy site open for those Key Worker and Vulnerable students currently accessing their learning onsite. However, we have to put the health and safety of students and staff above all else and on occasion we may need to close for everybody's safety. If this happens, we will put a message on the Academy website, contact Radio Bristol who will announce school closures and send a text message to parents/carers using the principal contact that we have on our system.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child access their learning during lockdown and also for the many emails from parents/carers thanking staff for the online lessons. Rest assured that we will continue to work hard to provide as normal a school day as possible virtually.

Kind Regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P Knight".

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