



23rd April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the ever improving weather and longer hours of daylight. I am writing this letter having just had the pleasure of talking with our Student Leadership Team and the privilege of handing them their 'blue' ties to acknowledge the position that they now hold within the academy.

I wanted to write to you at the start of Term 5 to share some important updates and key bits of information as we move into the final two terms of the 2020/21 academic year.

Uniform Expectations

As is now tradition at Oasis Brislington and with the warmer weather approaching, students will no longer be required to wear their blazers within the academy building from **Tuesday 4th May 2021**. The expectation is that students will still bring their blazer to school wearing it as they enter the building in the morning. Experience has shown that doing so helps to prevent students losing their blazers during this period in addition to them being required for formal events during the school day. I will be modelling this behaviour wearing my suit jacket to formal meetings and assemblies but just a shirt and tie as I move around the academy or when I am teaching.

Roadmap out of COVID Restrictions

As we move out of lockdown and life begins to open up around us I have been working with Oasis Community Learning and the staff to create a road map that will begin to lift the current restrictions in a systematic and safe way. You will already be aware that Period 6 activities have restarted with each year group having an allocated afternoon for bubbled activities. The government are planning to review the wearing of masks for students from the 17th May 2021 and we are currently working hard to move to a situation where students are able to return to subject specialist classrooms.

Carpark Improvements

In my letter at the end of Term 4 I informed parents of various adaptations that would be taking place on the car park over the Easter break. Some of this work has been completed but due to challenges everyone is currently experiencing with imports into the UK the alligator teeth and pedestrian beacons are still in transit; I imagine somewhere in the Suez Canal! Once they arrive, we will be installing them to enhance the safety of our parking and pedestrian access.

Virtual Parents/Carers Evenings

We have received a lot of positive feedback from parents/carers about the meetings that took place during Terms 3 and 4. This feedback will be used to inform our decision as to whether we continue working this way in 2021/22. We understand however that at times there will still be a need to have face to face meetings with some parents/carers, but virtual evenings have allowed us to ensure that your time was used effectively given the many other commitments you have of an evening.

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Key Dates 2021/22

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 1 Thursday 2nd September 2021 to Friday 22nd October 2021

Term 2 Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3 Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

Term 4 Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

Term 5 Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 22nd July 2022

Two other days TBC (October 2021 and June 2022)

If you have any questions or require further clarification on any of the items mentioned in my letter, then please do not hesitate in contacting the academy where we can put you in contact with the relevant member of staff.

Kind Regards,



Peter Knight
Principal