

8th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Year 10 from Mr McGrath and Janet.

Whilst I know the extended break must have been incredibly challenging for some of you I am encouraged and excited by the prospect of welcoming you all back this September. I am extremely proud of what this year group has already achieved in their first three years at Oasis Brislington and I wish them continued success as they continue their learning journey with us in Year 10. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the hard work and effort of parents and students alike during the extended break. Staying motivated to study every day during lockdown cannot have been easy for many of you, and the dedication and hard work you have shown is a great source of pride for your teachers and me. Equally, the difficulties of juggling careers, household duties and home schooling must have been a challenge for all parents and I am extremely grateful for your efforts during this difficult time. I sincerely believe that two positives that have arisen from this current situation have been that:

- 1) Students have become more self-motivated, organised and involved in their studies.
- 2) We as an academy have embraced new technologies that will enhance and accelerate student learning in the future.

With GCSE's now very much on the horizon I think that these developments will put us in a strong position to achieve the best results the Academy has ever seen.

As you will undoubtedly be aware, Oasis has gone to great length to modify how we do things in order to reopen safely. To reduce the risk of transmission across the whole academy each year group will be part of a 'bubble' that stays together throughout the day. Year 10's 'bubble' is in the Orange block (previously occupied by Languages) and the majority of their learning will be taking place there. In addition, Year 10 students get separate break times and a separate entrance and exit via the Reception nearest the carpark. This will reduce the number of contacts each student has with other year groups and reduce the chance of spreading infection.

Hygiene is an essential part of a safe return, and students and staff will be required to wash/sanitize their hands thoroughly upon arrival at school, before and after eating, and between each lesson. Hygiene will be everyone's responsibility, including all students, to ensure we make the Academy as safe as we possibly can. In addition, the wearing of masks is mandatory for students and staff as they move around the Academy. Thankfully, students do not need to wear their masks during lessons but teaching staff will continue to wear visors in the classroom environment.

I know that despite our best efforts many of you will still have concerns and questions as we move through this first term and so I ask that you please forward them to (shaun.mcgrath@oasisbrislington.org) or (janet.fischback@oasisbrislington.org) in the first instance and we will endeavour to get back to you asap.

Thanks as always for your support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun McGrath'.

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