

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9,

As we begin the start of a new academy year I would like to extend a warm welcome back to you all on behalf of Oasis Academy Brislington. It was almost 6 months ago that the Government gave the nationwide directive to close schools and your children's learning changed dramatically. Bedrooms, kitchens and living rooms all became classrooms overnight. You all became teachers and I would like to thank each and every one of you for the support and hard work you gave over lockdown towards your children's learning.

This year is an exciting stage in your child's educational journey. They are embarking on the first year of their GCSEs and beginning to lay the foundations for their futures. My expectations for Year 9 this year is to aspire to what they were told to be on the first day of school back in year 7. To *Work Hard, Look Smart and Be Nice* (and newly added *Be Safe*). It is through this I have the aspiration to give every student in Year 9 the opportunity to realise and achieve their goals in life. I want them to leave school knowing that if they put their mind to it, they can achieve anything. Over the next couple of weeks, myself and Ms Player, our year team 360, will be working hard to make the transition back to school as seamless as possible. Beyond this I have the intention of ensuring every child is challenged every day to do their best at our Academy.

We have most recently been reminded of the importance of time spent in schools and that a lesson lost is hard to get back. This is why, as we move forward into the new normal, I need your help. If you or your child have any concerns about school please let me and Ms Player know. It is with the same sentiment that I will assure you that if we have any concerns they will also be communicated and together we can ensure the success of your child.

Yours faithfully,

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