

19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The end of an academic year is always a poignant moment; we delight in welcoming new students to the academy for September, and we have bittersweet feelings when we send them on their way at the end of Year 11. The celebration of beginnings and endings is a fitting theme for my final letter this academic year.

Recent days have felt long and hot, the weather reminds us that the summer break is just around the corner, yet it has been 'business as usual' in terms of learning and supra/extra-curricular activities. Of course, we have striven to keep students as cool as possible and considered the extraordinary weather in our planning, but students have shown impressive focus and resilience in the way they have tackled lessons, our first community picnic, Year 7 Zoo Trip, student leadership training and geography field trips to name but a few activities. Much has been achieved. Many thanks to you all for the excellent support you continue to give your children and our academy community in so many ways; this is appreciated by all the staff and hub council and allows the academy to go from strength to strength.

Just over a fortnight ago, saw the wonderfully uplifting Induction Day Programme for Year 7 who are joining our academy in September. It has been very affirming to receive their feedback on the sense of community and positive energy they noticed here at Oasis Brislington. Our Year 11 students completed their education at secondary school with the leaver's breakfast and prom, which was held onsite for the second year, culminating in the now annual firework display. There were many excellent achievements to celebrate and fond memories for our Year 11 students (Class of 2022) and parents to look back upon. For most of the cohort they will have special memories from the last five years spent at Brislington.

I was also delighted and encouraged to see how many of our students stepped up to the challenge of the end of year assessments. This period of internal testing is an annual event in the students learning cycle, allowing us to support your child to revise and prepare effectively, as well as helping to identify gaps in their learning which staff will then close during next year's lessons.

#### **STAFF LEAVERS**

As with any school the new academic year sees some changes to the staff. Staff who will be leaving the academy at the end of this week are:

Gill Shire	(Senior Science Technician)
Jasmine Hawkins	(Teacher of RSHE)
Tiffany Marr	(Teacher of Maths)
Danni Rawlings	(Teacher of MFL)
Alvaro Martinez-Guimera	(Teacher of Science)
Emma Tollet	(Teacher of MFL)
Rhiannon House	(Teacher of Science)
Rachel Akers	(Teacher of Drama/English)
George Melhuish	(360 Year Team Manager)

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We wish them all well with their future roles in education and new challenges being undertaken. I will introduce the new staff in my first newsletter in September.

**START OF TERM 1 2022/23**

The staff and I look forward to greeting your child back to school in September, wearing full Oasis Academy Brislington uniform.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 New Year 7 only (via main hall doors from 08:30am)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 All Year Groups start schools at 09:00am doors open at 08:15am (Y7/9/10 via main reception and Y8/11 via Community Hub reception)

A reminder that the academy day begins at 09:00am. As from Monday 5th September students will be able to access the building from 08:15am when the canteen will be available for breakfast and the 360 Team on duty to support any pastoral needs.

I very much hope that students and parent/carers have a well-deserved and relaxing summer break. I look forward to seeing you and your children in the new academic year ready for the learning that lies ahead over the next twelve months.

Kind regards,



Peter Knight  
Principal