

21st October 2022



Dear Parent/Carers

It is remarkable that we have been back for 7 weeks already; it seems only yesterday that we were welcoming the new students in year 7 as well as celebrating the achievements of students from the previous year. As you might have seen the recently published DfE tables (www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables) show that Oasis Academy Brislington students make progress above the national average for secondary schools a tribute to the students' hard work.

Timetable Change (Work Hard)

We have decided to make a small change to our timetable to reduce the number of times that students must move around the building in a school day. Our Personal Development lesson will now take place after morning tutor, this has **no impact** on the start and finish times of the academy day. The change will be implemented from the start of Term 2.

Travel (Be Safe)

As I am sure, you are all aware British Summer Time is finishing on 29th October 2022, which means the evenings will become darker as we move into the winter months. Can I ask you as parents/carers to reinforce the message to your children about staying safe whether it is ensuring that they don't walk to school by themselves or making sure that their bike lights/helmets are in good working order. If your child does find themselves with any worries about getting home at the end of the school day (extra entitlement or a reflection session) could you remind them to go to reception and ask for help.

Attendance (Work Hard)

At Oasis Brislington we are committed to promoting the welfare of our students through regular school attendance. We know that every day lost to education can have a serious impact on students' attainments and overall progress in school. The link between good attendance and high levels of achievement is undeniable. Poor attendance and lateness may also be detrimental to the social adjustment and development of students. We are therefore fully committed to promoting school attendance by providing an environment and ethos where all students feel safe and can build positive relationships with their peers. We expect that in return parents/carers ensure that students attend school and are punctual. Underpinning this policy is the belief that promoting good attendance is the responsibility of staff, parents and carers and this must be evident in our interactions with students. We expect students to attend school every day and arrive on time. Oasis Brislington is successful in securing high levels of attendance as we have adopted a similar approach to attendance as we have done for safeguarding. Attendance is 'everyone's business, all the time'. A high level of attendance, for all students, is part of the academy's overall ambition - if students are not in our building, they cannot be learning.

Term 2 Key Dates

- 31/10/2022 – Year 11 Mock Examinations start
- 24/11/2022 – Specialist Centre Parents Evening
- 01/12/2022 – Year 11 Student Progress Meetings
- 05/12/2022 – Parent Forum 5:00-6:00pm (Community Hub)

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12/12/2022 – No Period 6 activities run during this week

16/12/2022 – Term 2 finishes at 3:10pm

Finally, it has been a privilege to have been the Principal of Oasis Academy Brislington for the past 7 years and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming your child back to the academy on **Monday 31st October 2022 for a 9:00am start**. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child meet our academy expectations, as we strive to be the 'Best' truly comprehensive school for the people that we serve.'

Kind Regards,



Peter Knight
Principal