

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the start of the 2022-23 academic year. The first two days of this term have allowed me to deliver an assembly to each year group, giving me the opportunity to welcome our new Year 7 students to the academy and all the other year groups back from a well-earned summer break. During each assembly I presented students with the challenge of making sure that they grasp every opportunity that the academy will have afforded them over the coming academic year.

### **Welcome to new colleagues and students**

I would like to offer a warm welcome to all new members of the Oasis Academy Brislington community. We welcome our Year 7 students and hope that they enjoy the start to their time here. As our student population grows, this is mirrored by the need to employ new members of staff so I would like to introduce and welcome the following colleagues:

Miss Olivia Morris – Science Teacher  
Mr Markus Standen – Science Teacher  
Mrs Stephanie Francis – English Teacher (Term 1 Cover)  
Mr Adam Farmer – Mathematics Teacher  
Mr William Price – Mathematics Teacher  
Mx Fy Tomlinson – Mathematics Teacher  
Mr Peter Hunt - Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Teacher  
Ms Emily Worgan – History Teacher  
Mr Daniel Flay – Modern Foreign Language Teacher  
Ms Luise Hocke – Modern Foreign Language Teacher (start October 2022)  
Mrs Helen Rawlins – Modern Foreign Languages Teacher  
Mrs Hannah Straine-Francis – Subject Leader Arts  
Mr William Callaghan – Design and Technology Teacher  
Mr Thomas Pottle – Design and Technology Teacher  
Ms Flora Kernan – Computer Science Teacher  
Ms Ebony Chapman – Drama Teacher  
Mrs Rebecca Farr – Year 7 360 Team Manager  
Mrs Sarah Sprague - Year 8 360 Team Manager  
Mrs Lucy Skeates – Year 8 360 Team Manager  
Miss Marcia Woodman – One Hub 360 Team Manager  
Ms Gemma Fear – Administration Officer  
Mrs Lisa Leighton – Administration Officer  
Ellen Rickard – Learning Support Team

Mrs MacBlain will be sharing the role of Year 10 Student Progress Leader with Ms Guerrini who will lead the year group on a Friday.

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### **Year 11 Results 2022 (Work Hard)**

I wanted to celebrate with you the fantastic results that our Year 11 students gained this summer, despite the challenges they faced from the pandemic. They achieved our best ever results across the board with all students making a third of a grade more progress than on average nationally. We wish them all the best in the next stage of their education.

### **Student Information (Be Safe)**

One of the most important elements to keeping all our students safe is the ability to communicate with parents/carers when necessary. Next week your child will bring home a 'data sheet,' this shows all the important information that we have about your child (this will only be for Yrs 8 – 11). Please could we ask that you provide at least two points of contact on the form. Could I ask you to check this sheet making any necessary changes and for it to be returned to the drop box at reception by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

As we are now using email and SMS to communicate with parents a lot more it is vital that we have the correct email address/mobile numbers on our system. Please be aware that we make sure any letters that are sent out to parents/carers are uploaded to our website under the News and Events tab/Letters Home. Lastly, can I encourage parents/carers to download the MCAS (My Child at School) app which means that all communications sent out will automatically be downloaded onto the app.

### **Travel to and from the academy (Be Safe)**

If your child walks to school using the footpath from the 'Coots' please can you talk to them about not using Old Reds RFC as a quick cut through. This alternative route means that students are walking along Scotland Lane which has no footpath and places them in danger with the traffic that uses this road. Just before the summer break I walked this route measuring the distance and it is in fact further than following the correct footpath to our pedestrian entrance.

We are aware of the increase in the number of students who are now cycling to the academy. This is great news both for the environment and students' wellbeing. To accommodate for this increase in bicycles on site we have opened the sixth bike shed which can be used by any year group as an overflow shed. Please be aware that although the bike sheds are locked during school hours students are expected to bring their own cycle lock with them as the first and primary level of security.

Finally, if you are bringing your child to school by car then please could you ensure that you adhere to the speed limit, direction signs and use the correct parking bays. Disabled parking bays are for Blue Badge holders only.

### **Number 96 Bus (Be Safe)**

It has come to our attention that First Bus are planning to cut the Number 96 service from early October. In recent correspondence with them we are being told that with limited resources they have no choice but to make difficult decisions on some services so they can run reliable services across the rest of the network where customer numbers are higher.

We are in contact with the Bristol City Council Transport and Education team to see if we can get them to exert pressure on First Bus to keep the school service running. We will keep you updated as to the progress we are making in separate correspondence around this subject.

**Uniform (Look Smart)**

Our students have returned for this academic year looking very smart in their uniform. Our uniform is part of both our Oasis and academy identity and supports our drive to raise standards. We understand that the 'cost of living crisis' is placing increased pressure on people's finances, and we have always tried to limit the number of branded items required. Currently we are exploring other ways of supplying cheaper alternatives and we will write again once these can be made available. In the meantime, if you are experiencing challenges with uniform then please make your child's 360 Team Manager aware and we will see if there is any way that we can support in ensuring that their uniform is complete.

This time of year, is always exciting as we stand poised on the threshold of another year of academic endeavour, challenges and achievements. We look forward to working with you and your child, to make it another successful and satisfying year at Oasis Academy Brislington.

Kind Regards,



Peter Knight  
Principal