

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

This term our young people have had lots of successes in their learning journeys, and some been provided the opportunity to take part in various exciting, educational experiences these include; trips to London to experience the production rehearsal for Matilda as well as watching this fantastic Broadway show, Art and Photography trip and a trip to the Bristol Aerospace Museum.

We also saw our Year 11 cohort sit their first Mock exams with students showing incredible resilience and determination by completing past exam papers over the course of three weeks. Students received their results on the 27<sup>th</sup> November and as you can imagine it was a moment full of mixed emotions. We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students so far and are excited for next year where their hard work will continue ready for the summer exams.

#### **Culture update: The Brislington Way**

The Oasis Way is a framework for transformational inclusion at the heart of the community. It details Oasis Community Learnings approach to Behaviour and Pastoral Care, Special Educational Needs and Personal Development, as well as Secondary Literacy. It also provides the blueprint for all academies to design a localised Academy Way rooted in an inclusive approach, ensuring that the needs of all community members are met and they are able to fulfil their full potential. The Brislington Way will be implemented throughout term 3 and term 4 and will outline 'the way we do things' here. This will be enacted through 3 Principles of Practice: Relational Culture, Reflective Practice and the 9 Habits.

Every two weeks we will communicate to you the 'habit' we are collectively focusing on for the subsequent 2-week period. This starts in January with 'Entering and leaving' the Academy.

Please can you share this focus with your child at home and work with us to ensure that these new habits will be implemented as we continue our journey to a culture of excellence.

We have already communicated our Culture changes in a previous letter, please can you also take some time to discuss these with your child, so they are ready to return in January and meet our expectations.

#### **Oasis Brislington Attendance Policy**

Due to the national focus on Attendance and the challenges educational settings are having post covid, OCL have published a new attendance policy that can be found on our website.

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Please be reminded that we have a standard process if you need to report you child's absence from the Academy. Parents and carers must notify the school on the first day of an unplanned absence – for example, if your child is unable to attend due to ill health, please can you contact the **school by phone and log on the absence line** before 8.30am. Emailing 360 year team managers or SEND key workers is not a suitable way due to the working day commitments, this is not a guaranteed way to communicate an absence and leads to our safeguarding procedures being activated. Absence due to illness will usually be authorised.

As the term has come to a close, it was wonderful to see so many of our young people and colleagues in the festive spirit, donning their Christmas jumpers and enjoying the last Live Lounge of 2023 in the Main Hall. In addition, the residents of Arbour Residential Care Home on Hungerford Road had a fabulous time singing carols with 14 students from the Student Academy Council and 6 members of staff. Thank you to Ms Evans for organising this.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support of us and the leadership changes in the Academy.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Kind Regards

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Dr Ina', written in a cursive style. The second signature on the right is 'Nat Robinson', written in a more blocky, capital-heavy style.

**Ina Goldberg & Natasha Robinson**  
**Acting Heads of School**