

17<sup>th</sup> July 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

It is always a poignant moment, however this year's events make it even more so; we delight in welcoming new students to Oasis Academy Brislington in September, and we have bittersweet feelings when we send them on their way at the end of Year 11.

Last week should have seen the wonderfully uplifting Induction Day for Year 7 who are joining our Academy in September. Unfortunately, this was not able to take place and has been moved to the first day of the new academic year. Our Year 11 students should have completed their education at secondary school with the leaver's breakfast and prom, both of which have had to be cancelled. I do however know there are many excellent achievements to celebrate and fond memories for students and parents to look back upon. For most of our Year 11 cohort (Class of 2020) they will have special memories from the last five years spent at Brislington. Many thanks to you all for the excellent support you continue to give your children and our academy community in so many different ways. This is appreciated by all the staff.

I was also delighted and encouraged to see how many of our students stepped up to the challenge of online learning over the past 4 months. Please rest assured that staff are working hard on lessons and learning journeys that build on this learning. Any gaps in student knowledge will be identified and filled with the aim of ensuring that students continue their five-year learning journey here at Oasis Brislington.

#### **STAFF LEAVERS**

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

Elizabeth Barnes	Teacher of Music
Kim Lane	Teacher of IT/Computer Science
Sian Pamby	Head of RE
Sam Bensted	Specialist Centre Teacher
Adaora Nwegbu	Teacher of Maths
James Roberts	Teacher of PE
David White	DT Technician
Andy Stone	Science Technician
Richard Browne	Teacher of MFL
David Voisey	Teacher of History
Amy Hudson	Teacher of DT
Adam Spring	Teacher of Science
Brianna Saunders	Teacher of PE

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.

**Principal - Peter Knight**

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### **START OF TERM 1 2020/21**

The staff and I look forward to greeting your child back to school in September, wearing full Oasis Academy Brislington uniform. As you already know the start to the 2020/21 Academic year is a little different to normal to allow us to transition the new Year 7 students, catch up with Year 11 and align ourselves with Bristol Local Authorities vision of a staggered start following lockdown.

Year 7 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 at 09:00am  
Year 8 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 09:00am  
Year 9 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 09:55am  
Year 10 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 09:55am  
Year 11 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 09:55am

I also shared the temporary changes to the structure to the school day with you yesterday. The hope is that we can return to our full school day as soon as the DfE Guidelines and COVID-19 situation allow.

### **INSET DAYS 2020/21**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### **Term 2**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### **Term 3**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### **Term 6**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

I very much hope that, when we get there, students and parents have a well-deserved and relaxing summer break.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Knight".

Peter Knight  
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