

5th September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome letter to parents and carers for the new academic year 2023-24

Welcome back to the new academic year and a warm welcome to all new parents/carers joining our community.

It was a joy to welcome our students back into the academy with such enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Please find my update and key messages below as we build on another successful year.

GCSE Examination Results 2023

It is with great pride that I report our GCSE outcomes for 2023 in what has been a difficult year for young people as examination boards return to pre-pandemic grading. This year comparisons to 2019 results are significant and I am thrilled to share the huge improvements made with 51% achieving a grade 4 pass in both English and maths up from 46% in 2019. Attainment across subjects has significantly improved and English continues to be an area of strength with 70% of students achieving a grade 4 or above. We look forward to sharing greatly improved progress data with you once this is released later this term.

In particular I would like to commend the students who have faced two national lockdowns and online learning during their time at secondary school. This cohort of Year 11 students have worked hard and achieved some excellent results including a number of grade 9s across all subject areas.

I would also like to thank our parents for playing such a vital role in supporting your child and the academy during their time with us.

Building works

A number of building projects have taken place over the summer break which will further improve the fantastic facilities. The reception area has been reconfigured with Student Services moving to the left side of Reception and the visitors entrance is to the right.

Additionally, work has taken place to the roof, as well as increasing the size of three maths classrooms.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is the key to pupils achieving their potential and we strive to ensure that all our students reach the expected target of 97% attendance. Where students fall below this threshold parents/carers will be expected to attend a meeting discussing reasons for this and any support needed. Ms Steenson will also be joining the attendance team as a Family Support Worker.

Please can I remind parents that holidays are not permitted to be taken during term time and all absence must be reported following the academy procedure which can be located on our website. Furthermore, students are expected to be at the academy on time every day at 8.25am. Lateness will result in a same day detention with more serious sanctions for repeated poor punctuality. Students who are late must report to the new Student Services entrance.

Behaviour

The conduct and behaviour of our students is something we are very proud of with the vast majority of students displaying excellent manners and developing as exceptional citizens within our community. For the very small minority of students who do not meet our expectations, the detention system will operate each night as follows and parents will be notified by text/app if their child is to be detained:

- Monday –Friday 30-minute and 60-minute detentions
- Monday and Friday Principal’s Detention – 2 hours
- 6 Actions in one week 60-minute detention
- 8 Actions in one week 2-hour Principal’s Detention
- 3 Actions in one day Internal Reflection
- Internal Reflection will operate in the event of serious incidents and detention refusal from 8.30am to 4.00pm each day.

Communication with the academy

Please ensure you have access to our MCAS app, this will be our main vehicle for communication with you. If you have a concern or would like to discuss an issue with us, please contact the relevant member of the Pastoral Team who will be happy to help, please see the table for all the information plus more can be found on our website [Home - \(oasisacademyoldham.org\)](http://Home - (oasisacademyoldham.org))

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Do note that if a meeting is required this must be pre-arranged with the relevant member of staff as we cannot accommodate meeting without an appointment.

Uniform

Students have returned to the academy looking very smart, thank you for your support with this. Can I remind all parents that students must bring a suitable rucksack/backpack as their school bag, handbags are not suitable.

Please also note below support available with uniform items and other important information.

- Preloved and worn uniform is available for all items of uniform. Please contact your child’s Pastoral Leader to arrange to come in.
- Zutti uniform store on Yorkshire Street, Oldham continues to be the place where you can purchase our Oasis Oldham branded items. Zutti can offer a payment plan on request in store to help families spread the cost out. For more information click here [Home - ZUTTI SCHOOLS](#)

Branded PE kit often gets lost throughout the term, so we will continue to have our ‘Lost & Found’ rail accessible to all students at the end of each week in the Agora at home time. In addition, we are happy to authorise the wearing of plain black no logo PE shorts or plain black leggings for PE or Dance. We will, however, expect the branded PE top or jumper to be worn, this is to avoid the peer pressure to buy sports logo shirts which would be more expensive.

iPads

Please be aware that your child will need to bring into school their iPad, fully charged, daily. This will be particularly important over the next couple of weeks when they will need to use their iPads for completion of tests.

Open Evening

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening **on Wednesday 27th September, 3.00- 6.15pm**. If parents and prospective parents would like the opportunity to visit the academy during the school day this can be arranged by contacting the academy office.

Ofsted Monitoring Visit

You will be aware that we had a monitoring visit from Ofsted in June, this was a routine visit and I very much look forward to sharing the report with you once it is published.

I hope the information in this letter has been of use and I look forward to developing our partnership throughout the year as we continue to grow and improve.

Yours sincerely



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