

21st March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of our second term, I am writing to give you an update on life at Oasis Academy Oldham and our school improvement journey.

Sporting Achievements:

We are incredibly proud of our sporting prowess over the last term, our reputation as the school to beat continues to grow shown in the following successes:

- Year 11 Football Team are Oldham Schools League Champions
- Year 8 Football Team are Oldham Schools League Champions
- Year 9 Football Team have made the County Cup Final
- Year 9 Netball Team are Oldham Schools Champions
- Year 7 Handball Teams have both just won the Handball Championships
- Year 8 Handball Teams have both won in the first round of the National Handball Championships

Attendance:

Our attendance continues to improve, and I am pleased to report that we are above the national average. Your support in ensuring your child attends daily is greatly appreciated and also vital for children to reach their potential. A reminder of the following:

- Holidays during term time will not be authorised and you will receive a fixed penalty notice.
- Absences must be reported by telephone, text, or email, to the academy daily (unless signed off, in writing, by a medical professional such as a GP). If a reason for absence is not given, the absence cannot be authorised.
- If your child is late to school, their attendance is affected, and it may contribute to a penalty notice fine being issued. Your child will receive a 30-minute same day late detention for each day they are late.
- We recommend that you make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.
- Keep all appointment cards, hospital letters, etc. in case your child's attendance falls below the target. The attendance team may require them as evidence to authorise absences.

The Attendance Team are here to help and endeavour to work together with parents and students to resolve any attendance concerns. Please contact our Attendance Team, Ms West, Mr Bradley, or your child's Pastoral Leader if you require any further support with attendance matters.

Year 6:

I am looking forward to writing to all of the parents of current Year 6 children who have been successful in gaining a place at Oasis Oldham for September. Our school is now heavily oversubscribed, and we have seen a huge increase in applications over the last couple of years.

Feedback from Parental Survey:

Thank you to all those parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parental survey. Gaining parental insight into all academy matters is something which is very important to us I really do appreciate receiving parent/carers comments and views on our Academy.

The feedback was positive but there were two areas where you felt improvements could be made communication and lunchtime.

<i>Suggested Improvement</i>	<i>What is currently in place</i>	<i>Further action</i>
Lunchtime - Length of queue	We have two break and lunch settings to reduce the size of the queues and five serveries. Staff shortages have impacted on this recently, but we will continue to work with Sodexo to ensure a quality service is provided	Meeting with Catering Manager to share parental feedback and discuss ways to improve
A wider range of lunchtime choices	Fixed menus compiled by Sodexo	Liaise with Sodexo and hold a student focus group meeting to discuss possible option changes at lunchtime
Communication	Phone system that holds calls in a queue which can mean a long wait on the telephone. Response time to email communication	Review the telephone system and update parents on who to contact and how (information below) A commitment to acknowledge communication within 24 hours and provide an outline of next steps

Please also see the following advice regarding effective communication with the Academy:

When you telephone the academy, please ensure you press the correct extension number to ensure you get through to the correct member of staff and that your query or concern can be dealt with speedily. By dialling the academy telephone number **0161 624 9630** you can then press Option 2 for the Pastoral Team or Head of Year.

Reminder of the contact details for our Pastoral Team. All contact details and email addresses can be found on our website <https://tinyurl.com/3pfs6paa>

Year 7 Pastoral Leaders Hannah Hinchliffe Hannah.Hinchliffe@oasisoldham.org Nicky Ford nicky.ford@oasisoldham.org	Head of Year 7 - Matt Buxton Matt.Buxton@oasisoldham.org
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Year 8 Pastoral Leaders Stephanie Sheridan Stephanie.Sheridan@oasisoldham.org Elaine Rose elaine.rose@oasisoldham.org	Head of Year 8 – Shadlea Neild Shadlea.neild@oasisoldham.org
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Year 9 Pastoral Leaders Claire Brown claire.brown@oasisoldham.org Adnan Mirza adnan.mirza@oasisoldham.org	Head of Year 9 – Sam Edwards Samuel.edwards@oasisoldham.org
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Year 10 Pastoral Leaders Amy Shearing Amy.Shearing@oasisoldham.org Chris Jacobs Christopher.Jacobs@oasisoldham.org	Head of Year 10 – Jack Barraclough jack.barraclough@oasisoldham.org Progress Leader - Farha Hussain Farha.Hussain@oasisoldham.org
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Year 11 Pastoral Leaders Megan Hallam Megan.Hallam@oasisoldham.org Julie Steenson Julie.Steenson@oasisoldham.org	Head of Year 11- Nick Jolly Nicholas.Jolly@oasisoldham.org Progress Leader - Farha Hussain Farha.Hussain@oasisoldham.org
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To contact any of our Pastoral Leaders or Head of Year by telephone
Dial 0161 624 9630 and press Option 2

Attendance - Kate West Katie.West@oasisoldham.org	Attendance – Mark Bradley mark.bradley@oasisoldham.org
To contact Attendance or report an absence 0161 344 8451	

Curriculum and Staffing:

As we continue on our journey of improvement termly monitoring and standard reviews are conducted and I am pleased to inform you that good progress is being made against all areas for improvement identified by Ofsted last year, including curriculum expertise and assessment strategies.

As part of our curriculum review process, we conduct student surveys in addition to meeting with the Student Council. The most recent survey highlights a very high percentage of our students feel safe and happy at school and know who to speak to should an issue arise.

We have also welcomed a further review into our SEND provision and extended this team to add capacity. Furthermore, we have delivered a series of training sessions to staff highlighting best practice for supporting students with additional needs.

In terms of staffing, I am pleased to inform you that we will have two new Science Lead Practitioners joining us next term filling all vacancies.

Rewards:

Easter Reward Assemblies are planned for the last week of term to highlight, celebrate, and reward students with excellent progress, attendance, punctuality, and attitude to learning, as well as recognising their contribution to academy life this term. I will address the entire academy community and then hand over to Heads of Year who have a special rewards event planned throughout the week with lots of prizes on offer!

I do hope you have found this information useful, for a more detailed overview of life at the academy please look out for our LORIC newsletter that will be published next week ahead of the Easter break.

Thank you as always for your support

Yours sincerely



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