

6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Welcome letter to parents and carers for the new academic year 2022-23

Welcome back to the new academic year. Our students have made an excellent start and have returned to the academy very enthusiastic about the year ahead.

### GCSE Examination Result 2022

Our former Year 11 students have recently celebrated great achievements in their GCSE examinations which were the best results in the academy's history as we continue on our improvement journey.

I am delighted to report that our students made great progress with 58% achieving a grade 4 pass in both English and maths. Attainment was particularly good in English where 72% of students achieved grade 4 or above and achievement has improved significantly in all subjects.

A number of students have achieved superb individual results, including students with all subjects graded 9 or grades 8 and 9 (A\*). We are so proud of all our students who have achieved the qualifications they need to progress to further education, training, or apprenticeships and a fulfilling career. I am enormously grateful to our dedicated and talented staff team for supporting and enabling our students to achieve so much.

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

### Pastoral Team - Communication with parents

If you have any matters regarding your child please contact the relevant member of the Pastoral Team who will be happy to help. All the information below plus more can be found on our website <https://www.oasisacademyoldham.org/about-us/meet-the-staff>

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## Behaviour

We are immensely proud of our students' good behaviour and aim to reinforce positive behaviour and reward the vast majority of students who do conform to our expectations. 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

## Attendance and Punctuality

As you are aware good attendance is the key to pupils achieving their potential and we strive to ensure that all our students reach the expected target of 96% attendance. 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. Additionally, students are expected to be at the academy on time every day at 8.25am. Lateness will result in a detention in the first instance.

## Uniform

Students have returned to the academy after the summer break looking smarter than ever, thank you so much for your support in ensuring your child was fully prepared and equipped to start the new academic year.

At a time when energy prices are soaring, we appreciate the importance of keeping expenditure on school items to a minimum. You may be aware of the Governments advice to schools to support with keeping branded uniform cost down. With this in mind we want to be sure that as the year progresses and our young people continue to grow, or items of uniform get lost or worn, we have a range of support systems in place to help with this.

- This term we are asking for donations of pre-loved and worn uniform items so that these can be gifted to anyone who is in need of a particular item of uniform or PE kit. If you have items to donate, please send them in to school fully laundered with your child who can hand them to their Pastoral Leader.
- If a parent or carer prefers to come in to school to choose some items from our 'OAO Pre Loved & Worn' rail, you can do this from 2.45pm – 3.15pm every day. Please contact your child's Pastoral Leader to arrange to come in.
- If your child is needing a replacement school skirt throughout the term, please know we are happy for you to purchase a non-branded one from a supermarket or alternative outlet to Zutti to keep costs down. Please purchase a pleated, navy-blue skirt style of an appropriate length, in line with the Oasis branded style. For guidance on style please visit <https://www.zuttischools.com/product-category/oasis-oldham/>
- 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
- 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.

### **Parking- drop-off**

**As detailed in my letter at the end of term** during the summer break we have had the addition of an electronic gate on entry to the academy off Hollins Road. This means parents will not be able to use the bus turning circle as a drop-off point in the mornings or pick-up after school. If you drop/collect your child by car, please ensure you have a safe spot to do so.

Can I also remind parents not to park on double yellow lines on Millgate, this is a very busy area and stopping on the prohibited lines puts the safety of our students at risk.

### **Open Evening**

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening **on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. 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.

I hope you have found the information contained in this letter useful. I look forward to welcoming you to the academy this year and working with you to ensure we provide the very best quality of education for your son or daughter.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

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