

04 May 2020



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that this letter finds you all safe and well.

As this is my first letter to you since my return, I just wanted to express my sincere thanks to Miss Revell and the leadership team for all that they have done in my absence. Miss Revell is an exceptional leader and continued to move the Academy forwards whilst I was off poorly.

I thought that it would be useful to update you on a few things, I am writing to you during unprecedented times and I wanted to reassure you that if you have any questions whilst Wintringham is closed and we are based at Nunsthorpe, then please do not hesitate to contact us via email at oaw.admin@oasiswintringham.org

It seems very strange to be writing to you at a time that we do not know when we will be returning to school but I wanted to reassure you that we care about our students and their families and as soon as I have any further information I will be in touch. Please keep up to date with what is going on via our Oasis Academy Wintringham Facebook and Twitter accounts. Mrs Spencer, our librarian has recently launched an OAWLRC twitter account which is fabulous and a great way of keeping up to date with what our staff and students are reading. OAWSport have had a Twitter account going for a long time and Mr Broderick and the Sport and Health team have been very active during Lockdown, showcasing what staff and students have been up to. If you haven't already, please follow these accounts and send in your own photo's, we love hearing what you have all been up to.

Year 11 Students

Since the Ofqual announcement regarding qualifications, I just wanted to reassure Year 11 students and their parents that our staff will continue to support your child. Work will be sent out which prepares your child for the next step in their education and we are working very closely with our local colleges and external partners.

I wanted to be clear with the process for Examination boards; they are asking teachers to submit their judgement based on a range of evidence including classwork, homework, practical and mock exams on the grade that they believe students would have attained if the examinations had gone ahead. Ofqual are very clear that the academy's grade for a student cannot at this stage be shared with either the student or their parent.

The academy's judgement will then be moderated by the examination boards, based on a range of evidence, and a final 'calculated grade' released no later than the original GCSE Results Day of 20th August 2020.

The Government have said that if students do not feel their calculated grade reflects their true performance, they will have the opportunity to appeal or sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. Students will also have the option to 're-sit' their examinations in summer 2021.

We have been reassured by Government that this year's awards will have equal value to those awarded in previous years.

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Mental Wellbeing

We are very conscious that some of our students may be struggling during lockdown with their mental and emotional wellbeing. This could be for a number of reasons which include missing social contact, missing peer support, lack of personal space etc. CAMHS have developed a good set of resources to support young people with this and these can be accessed at <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/>

If your child is struggling then we may be able to help and it is important that you contact us or mention it when your child's Head of Year or Year Manager telephones.

Online Resources

Our virtual learning page on our website has many websites listed on it for your child to access resources during this time to help support them with their learning and enhance what we are offering. The BBC have just relaunched their GCSE bitesize website and this is a fantastic resource for all year groups.

Academic Year 2020-2021 Dates for your diary

At the moment we are not sure when we will be returning to school however, I do need to share next year's dates with you as Oasis have requested some changes in line with their 'Year of Learning' for staff. Please see the dates below, these are also available on the Academy website:

Academy opens to students	Academy closes to students	Bank Holidays
Wednesday 2 nd September 2020	Friday 23 rd October 2020	
Monday 9 th November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020	
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021	
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Thursday 1 st April 2021	Friday 2 nd April 2021 Monday 5 th April 2021
Monday 19 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 3 rd May Monday 31 st May
Monday 7 th June 2021	Monday 26 th July 2021	

Staff Training Days (Academy will be closed to students)
Tuesday 1 st September 2020 (OAW)
Friday 16 th October 2020 (OCL)
Friday 20 th November 2020 (OCL)
Monday 4 th January 2021 (OCL)
Tuesday 5 th January 2021 (OAW)
Tuesday 27 th July 2021 (OAW)
Wednesday 28 th July 2021 (OAW)

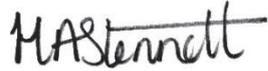
Oasis UK National Friendship Line

We do appreciate that this is a worrying time for many of you. Oasis UK have set up a National Friendship Line for anyone who is feeling anxious or lonely or anyone who needs some practical help or support. The number is 020 396 84330 and the lines are open 9am-5pm.

Please continue to follow our social media accounts for daily updates and I will be in touch again when I have more information to share.

Please stay safe and look after your families.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Stennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle of the letters.

Ms H Stennett
Principal