

HSt/SAP

6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope that you have had a lovely and restful summer. I am delighted to be able to write to you in my first letter of the new academic year to let you know that, for a fourth consecutive year, we have seen improved GCSE results at Oasis Academy Wintringham. This summer we have secured the best combined English and Maths results in our history and we are above the national average for overall progress.

### **Welcome to our new Year 7s**

I would like to warmly welcome to the Oasis family, our new Year 7 students and I do hope that they are settling in well. This is our biggest year group ever with 213 students and we still have 23 on our waiting list!

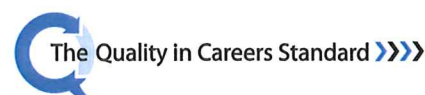
### **Welcome to our new staff**

To accommodate the increase in student numbers, I would like to welcome the new staff to Wintringham and I hope that they feel part of the team.

Our new staff are:

Mr Lightfoot, Learning Tutor Maths  
Ms Barnatt, Learning Tutor Maths  
Ms McHugh, Learning Tutor English  
Ms Wilkinson, Learning Tutor English  
Ms Holmes, Learning Tutor History  
Mr Wells, Learning Tutor Science  
Mr Wray, Learning Tutor Science  
Ms Harries, Learning Tutor Geography  
Mr Smart, Learning Tutor Business  
Dr Pine, Learning Tutor English  
Mr Ravi, Learning Tutor History  
Ms Larvin-Smith, Learning Tutor Sports  
Ms Bell, Learning Tutor Sports  
Miss Gilbert, Pastoral Year Manager  
Mr Cook, Site Facilities Assistant  
Mrs Murray, Educational Social Worker  
Mrs Broderick, Leisure Club Supervisor  
Miss Hyams, Casual Bank Staff Leisure Club

As part of the changes over the summer, we have had a new science laboratory built and, following two years of planning, our gym has been refurbished which is very exciting.



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### **Pastoral Structure**

I made you aware in the summer term that we would be moving from the House system to a Year Group system. This is to ensure that your child can be supported throughout their time at OAW in the most appropriate way. Your child's Head of Year and Year Manager should be your first point of contact if you have any questions or if you need to tell us anything. They can be contacted by calling the Academy on 01472 871811 and selecting option 2. The contact details are as follows:

- Year 7: Mr Hyldon, Head of Year  
Mrs Carlberg (Monday to Wednesday), Year Manager  
Mr Leadbetter (Thursday to Friday), Year Manager
- Year 8: Miss Smith, Head of Year  
Mrs Kent, Year Manager
- Year 9: Mr McUrich, Head of Year  
Mr Watson, Year Manager
- Year 10: Mr Whiteley, Head of Year  
Miss Gilbert, Year Manager
- Year 11: Miss Peers, Head of Year  
Mrs McIntyre, Year Manager

### **Term Dates**

Oasis Community Learning made me aware at the end of August that they require all staff to attend a conference on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Therefore, we have had to change the term dates. The updated term dates for 2019/2020 are now as follows:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Term 1	3 September 2019	17 October 2019
		27 September 2019*
		18 October 2019*
Term 2	4 November 2019	20 December 2019
		6 January 2020*
Term 3	7 January 2020	14 February 2020
Term 4	24 February 2020	3 April 2020
		8 May 2020**
Term 5	20 April 2020	22 May 2020
Term 6	1 June 2020	24 July 2020
		27 July 2020*

\* Staff Training Day

\*\* Bank Holiday

Apologies for any inconvenience. These dates have been updated on our website.

### **Nut-Free School**

Oasis Academy Wintringham aims to be a nut-free Academy, although we recognise it is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that nuts will not be brought onto the premises. The Academy aims to protect our students who have allergies that can be really severe, leading to Anaphylaxis, which can be life-threatening. So we are asking all members of our

Academy community for their help in minimising the risk, to these students, by not sending or bringing in the following:

- Any nuts or nut products
- Chocolate spread (E.g. Nutella)
- Granola bars containing nuts
- Sesame Seed rolls
- Sauces like Satay
- Sweets, biscuits, cakes and chocolate containing nut products

This list is not exhaustive so please check packaging carefully. We appreciate this is an additional thing to do but know you recognise the importance of it.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the Academy.

### **School Nursing Team**

We work really closely with the School Nursing Team and I would like to inform you of an exciting new Health and Well-being school drop-in session commencing September 2019.

An appropriate qualified nurse will be available every Friday to offer advice and support to students. The nurses will offer advice on all health issues including general well-being, weight, stress management, smoking cessation, bullying, at-risk behaviours, love and relationships.

Further advice and support around sexual health and contraception will also be available if needed. The service will be confidential and will adhere to national and local safeguarding policies and protocols.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Emma McCutcheon (Link Nurse) on 01472 323660.

### **Academy Expectations**

As you are aware, at the Academy we have the mantra "High expectations – no excuses." As part of this, we have developed 10 non-negotiable expectations which have been shared with the students and I want to make you aware of them as this supports our Academy behaviour for learning policy.

1. I will be punctual and arrive in the Academy with the basic equipment (black pen, pencil, ruler, purple pen, planner and reading book).
2. I will remove any coat or scarf once in the Academy building, storing them in my student locker.
3. My uniform will adhere to the Academy policy, including my shoes and jewellery.
4. I will walk with purpose along corridors, using the one-way system, respecting the rights of each individual.
5. I will line up outside my classroom quietly and in a single file line, respecting my teacher and peers.
6. I act with maturity, take responsibility for my actions and demonstrate positive attitudes towards my education.
7. I show kindness and respect, good manners, listen to and follow instructions during each learning opportunity.
8. I will be respectful at all times; treating others how I would want to be treated.
9. I will be considerate of others, acting with self-control during unstructured times (breaks, lunch and lesson changeover).
10. Be focussed and ready to learn!

In addition we would like remind you that although we do allow acrylic nails, these must be kept short for health and safety reasons. For the same reasons we do not allow any facial or tongue piercings.

### **Parents Evenings**

At the start of the new school year, I like to send out the dates for our Parents Evenings so that you can prioritise them in your diary. Home-School communication is key to educational success and these evenings are an important part of that so that we can work together to ensure that your child achieves their potential. Dates are as follows:

5 December 2019:	Year 10 Parents Evening, 4.00pm - 7.30pm
6 February 2020:	Year 11 Parents Evening, 4.00pm – 7.30pm
26 February 2020:	Year 11 Information, Advice and Guidance Evening, 6pm – 7.30pm
5 March 2020:	Year 9 Parents Evening, 4.00pm – 7.30pm
1 April 2020:	Year 7 Parents Evening, 4.00pm – 7.30pm
23 April 2020:	Year 9 Options Evening, time to be confirmed
29 April 2020:	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4.00pm – 7.30pm

### **Bicycles and Scooters**

If your child comes to school on a bicycle or scooter, please can I advise that they wear a helmet and have lights (especially as the darker months are drawing near) for their own health and safety. They also need to ensure that they lock up their property in our bicycle sheds as we cannot take any responsibility for them; they are brought to school at the owner's risk.

### **Cars**

It is important that we safeguard our staff and students therefore the only cars allowed on site (at the beginning and end of the school day) are for those students who have a physical disability or a special educational need. All other students should be dropped off at the gate, however please be mindful not to block the entrance to the Academy. If you feel that your child needs to be dropped off within the Academy grounds, for any reason, then please contact Mr Scott, SENCO, for a pass.

The start of a new academic year is always exciting as we look forward with promise over what the year can hold.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Academy events over the year. Please do follow us on Facebook and Twitter for up to date news.

Yours sincerely



Ms H Stennett  
Principal