

21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers,

We have been busy planning for September over recent weeks, and we are now pleased to share with you plans for the next academic year, including details on your child's first day of term as well a number of other updates. Please be aware your child's cohort will be referred to as Year 9 for the remainder of this letter as we reference the next academic year.

### **First Day of Term Year 9 September 2021**

Year 9 students will return to the Academy on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. Students should arrive by 08:15am for their usual check in time of 08:25am.

Students should go to the check in location (available on the link below in the academic year 2021-2022 arrangements section) and line up with their current mentor group who they have been with throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

Prior to students returning to school, we have been asked to complete two lateral flow tests, the first within 48 hours of return. Please check the below Year 9 schedule, and ensure your child attends their time slot (arranged by current mentor groups) and that they have consent via the MCAS online platform or app.

<b>Year 9, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>	
11:00	8DN
11:20	8RG
11:40	8JBL
12:00	8CK
12:20	8NA
12:40	8KCL & 8SON

Testing will take place in the Sports Hall, students should enter the Academy via the back entrance to the Sports Hall.

The second round of testing will take place when students are back in the Academy and they will be called down to the testing suite from their classrooms.

Lateral flow testing is still completely optional. Should you or your child choose not to take part in this testing ahead of the return to school, it will not affect their ability to start back in September.



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## Academic Year 2021-2022 Arrangements

We are please to share with you the details of how school will work during the next academic year. You can read the full details by [clicking here](#), and we have given an overview of key points to note:

- Students will return to moving around the Academy building for their different lessons, and teachers will stay in one classroom.
- There will no longer be split break and lunch times, and all students will have access to the Diner each day.
- Each year group will be allocated a staircase to use to help ease congestion at busy times.
- Students will no longer come in wearing their PE kit on PE days. They will be required to change in the changing rooms at the beginning and end of PE lessons.
- Windows will remain open to aid good ventilation and therefore in the colder months wrapping up warm with layers will still be advised.
- Face masks will not be compulsory for staff and students, however, anyone still wishing to wear one will be allowed to.

Please note: All of the arrangements highlighted above and detailed in the linked document are subject to constant review and may be changed at any point during the year depending on DfE and government guidance in line with local and national infection rates.

## Mentor Groups, Setting & Timetables

As the Academy returns to pre-Covid routines we will be adjusting Mentor Groups. This means some students will change Mentor next year, however, we will try to minimise this as far as possible.

Students will no longer be taught lessons with their follow peers in their Mentor Group, and we will go back to setting in subjects throughout the Academy. This will be organised using up to date assessment data, and there will be the opportunity for this to change at the October half term once students have settled back in and teachers get to know their classes.

Details on your child's new timetable for the next academic year will be available via MCAS a week prior to our return. Here you will also be able to see who your child's new Mentor is if it has changed. Your child's new mentor will write within the first few weeks of the new term introduce themselves.

## Covid-19 Safety Measures

In order to make these arrangements for September clear, we have outlined them separately in another document, which you can access by [clicking here](#).



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## Reports

Unfortunately, due to varying factors, end of year progress reports will be delayed. We have worked hard to minimise the impact on the date reports are issued; however, we have been unable to ensure they are all ready to send out before the end of term.

Your son/daughters' report will be sent home no later than the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> July. These will be emailed to the address we have on our system for each student. Where no email address is held, we will post the report home.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause, and should you have any concerns, please contact your child's Mentor prior to the end of term.

## Attendance

We would like to commend all students for their valiant efforts they have made this year on getting into school against some very tough odds.

We are aware that many students have not been able to come in due to isolation requirements at some point throughout the year. We would like to reassure you that the Academy will not hold absence from this year against any student due to having to isolate as a close contact, or if they have been off after testing positive for Covid.

Ensuring students were in school when they could be has been one of our top priorities this year; but we are aware that it was often beyond their control. We hope knowing this will help to alleviate any anxiety or concerns some students may have.

## MCAS

Please ensure you have access to the My Child at School (MCAS) parent portal, and preferably the app which can be downloaded from any smartphone app store. This is a very useful tool in being able to check details on your child(ren) and we will begin to utilise more of the features in the coming academic year, including the consents feature.

If you have any queries during the summer holidays, please contact [admin@oasiscoulsdon.org](mailto:admin@oasiscoulsdon.org). This email address will be monitored intermittently and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, however, we will be back in contact before the end of the holidays with reminder and any further updates.

We are really looking forward to the next academic year. However, before the start of the new term we have the summer holidays. Please make sure you all take the time to rest, have fun, and do things that make you smile this summer. And most of all, stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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