

August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well – we are all excited by the prospect of welcoming students back to the Academy from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

You will have received a great deal of correspondence over the last few months so I do apologise for sending yet more information. However, I wanted to give some important reminders about our behaviour expectations as well as highlighting some changes that have been necessary as a result of COVID-19.

Last year was our best ever in terms of behaviour, with an obvious positive knock-on effect for students' learning outcomes. Our expectations for September 2020 will be as high as ever, not least because we are so keen to help students catch up after months away from a traditional school-based education.

I attach our Behaviour Policy as well as an addendum outlining some necessary changes and amendments. Please do take the time to read these and discuss with your child prior to their return in September.

Some key points to reinforce with your child are:

### Rewards

- Merits will no longer be recorded in students' record books – this is because staff are unable to touch them. Instead merits will be recorded on Bromcom.
- A weekly 'pay-slip' will still be generated.
- Staff are committed to reward students for excellent effort, attainment and service.
- Rewards events will continue as far as restrictions allow.

### Consequences

- Very little has changed in this area although demerits will also be recorded on Bromcom, not record books.
- The behaviour policy and addendum goes through the stages of consequences. However, students must always remember that they will spend their day making choices – positive choices will be rewarded.



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## Detentions

- Detentions will continue as before from September.
- Students can be given 30 or 60 minute detentions that are sat on the same day – enabling students to start each day afresh.
- Parents will be texted whenever a 60 minute detention is set.
- Detentions will be organised in such a way as to ensure that year group bubbles are preserved – students will be seated well away from those in other bubbles.
- ALT detentions will be set for more serious misdemeanours (either Thursday until 5.00pm or Saturday 9.00-11.00am).
- Year 11 students given detentions will have to complete these **after** Period 7 Intervention.

## Uniform

- Full Academy uniform is required from September – see previous correspondence outlining details.
- A reminder that there are no PE changing facilities – students should wear PE kits to the Academy only on the days they have PE.
- Please ensure your child has a black V-neck jumper as well as their blazer. Windows and doors will be open all day throughout the Academy to ensure good ventilation – it may therefore be colder at times inside.
- Make-up, false nails and jewellery of any kind are not permitted – students may wear a wrist watch.

## Attendance & Punctuality

- From September all students in the UK are expected to be back in full-time education.
- Unfortunately, we are no longer permitted to authorise any absence related to COVID-19 shielding unless the student has a medical note saying this is necessary.
- Students should leave home early enough to ensure they are in school by 8.20am – it is likely that buses will be busy in the mornings and numbers restricted. Any student within reasonable walking distance is encouraged to avoid public transport.
- Face masks are compulsory on public transport.

## Home-Academy Agreement

- There is a new Home-Academy agreement that we ask all parents and students to read before signing.
- Please follow this link to view and sign the document.  
[Home Academy Agreement](#)  
[Home Academy Agreement Declaration Form](#)
- This document outlines the Academy's expectations if we are to keep all students safe and help them to succeed.



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### Mobile phones

- Rules around mobile phones remain exactly as before – they are not permitted in the Academy. If seen or heard, they will be confiscated for 4 weeks.
- Please note that every student has the opportunity to hand them in each morning during Check-In. This ensures that phones are kept safe throughout the day before being returned at Check-Out.
- COVID-19 makes this system even more important – we know that mobile phones can be a major source of germs.
- Please do encourage your child to either hand their phone in each morning or leave it at home.

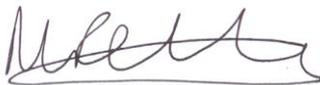
### Social Distancing

- Students will be organised into year group bubbles – and spend most of their time with the same group of students in one room (with the exception of PE and GCSE Options subjects).
- Within bubbles we still require students to think about social distancing as far as possible.
- Touching other students and their belongings is strictly prohibited.
- Students should keep a 2 metre distance from staff members and students from other bubble groups as far as possible.

I understand that some students (and parents) will be anxious about returning after such a long period away. Please rest assured we will do everything we can to keep students safe whilst returning them to some semblance of normality. Being back at school will enable to students to catch up on their learning, interact with others safely and help them to develop.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any of the behaviour points raised – [mark.pelling@oasiscoulsdon.org](mailto:mark.pelling@oasiscoulsdon.org)

Kind Regards



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