

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have almost reached the end of our first half term, and I am pleased to say that in comparison with the past academic year, it was uneventful for all the right reasons! That is not to say that we have not had positive stories to celebrate, such as our students having the opportunity to virtually [meet His Holiness the Dalai Lama](#), National News Coverage for one of our students on the work they are doing to promote [loving the skin you are in](#) with the book *How do you C me now?* We have also taken part in [Show Racism the Red Card](#) linked with our Black History Month education, and celebrated [National Poetry Day](#).

Despite all of the limitations we currently face with Covid-19, we have still managed to celebrate the positives and good news this half term; and I am sure as they year goes on we will become even more creative in ways we can celebrate success and events.

Before I wish you all a restful and peaceful half term break, there are some notices and reminders I would first like to share.

### Parent Workshops

In the absence of our in house workshops we would normally offer throughout the year on a range of subjects, we are pleased to share with you a link to the first of our online Parent Workshops/Guides. The theme for this week is Knowledge Organisers:

#### [Knowledge Organiser Parent Workshop](#)

We would be grateful if after viewing this guide you could take the time to rate how useful you found the information presented. This should take less than a minute and can be completed by clicking on this link:

#### [Knowledge Organiser Presentation Feedback Form](#)

We will be sending out weekly workshops once we return to Autumn Term 2 on a variety of different topics, which we hope you will find useful.

### Covid-19 during half term

We very much hope you all continue to stay safe and well during half term. However, should your child receive a positive test result for Covid-19 during the break then please ensure you inform us on the below email address.

#### [Covid-19Coulsdon@oasiscoulsdon.org](mailto:Covid-19Coulsdon@oasiscoulsdon.org)

We still have a duty to monitor cases during the school holidays, track contacts of your child within the school, and notify Public Health England when necessary.



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### Thank you notes

Just as our students have, our staff have been working tirelessly over the past seven weeks and adapting to new practices and routines. We would normally hand out cards to students to write thank you notes during mentor time or assembly for any teachers who have really helped them, however, in order to be Covid safe we have switched to an online form.

We thought there may be some parents who might like to send in their thanks to staff who stand out to them. We have therefore created a parent form for completion accessible via the below link. This shouldn't take more than a minute or two to complete. Receiving thanks and acknowledgement means so much, and now more than ever it is important to show appreciation to those who deserve it.

### [Staff Shout Out Form](#)

Students can also use this link if they would like to add any additional shout outs during the first week of the holidays. The form will close on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### Term Dates

We are pleased to share with you our term dates for the academic year 2021-2022. We apologise that these are later than normal. You can access them by clicking on the links below, the first is listed and the second is a calendar view.

### [Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

### [Term Dates 2021-2022 Calendar View](#)

Please note there are still three INSET days yet to be scheduled for the the year.

### Diner Menu

Please click on the below link to view the new menu for Autumn Term 2. The menus will run on a three-week cycle. When we return we will be on week one.

### [Week 1](#)

### [Week 2](#)

### [Week 3](#)

### Admissions

If you have a child due to start Year 7 in September 2021 you have until 31<sup>st</sup> October to submit your admissions forms online to your local authority. You can view our virtual open event page of our website by clicking on the below link.

### [Virtual Open Event](#)

Please be aware that from September 2021 our sibling priority for those living within three miles of the Academy will come into effect.



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### Admission Arrangements Consultation

From Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be at consultation for our Admission Arrangements for 2022-2023. Please click on the below link to view full details on the arrangements, consultation, and feedback form which can be submitted during the time frame.

[Admission Arrangements 2022-2023 Consultation](#)

### Hair & Piercings

Please bear in mind that any hairstyles your child may have during the two-week break must be in line with the [Academy Rules for Appearance](#) when they return. Equally, any piercings they have during this time will need to be removed upon their return.

### Masks

We would ask that during half term you purchase your child a re-usable facemask if they do not currently have one. We have been giving out an increasing number of disposable masks, and this is not only costly and bad for the environment, but each time a student requests one for forgetting theirs they receive a demerit.

It is recommended that all students have two masks for use at the Academy so that they have one to wear whilst the other is being washed. Should you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact your child's mentor.

### Online Library

In case you missed it earlier in the term, we are pleased to share with you the links to our October online Library, as well as the new links for November and Careers.

[October Online Library](#)

[November Online Library](#)

[Careers Library](#)

Finally, I would like to say thank you to every parent, carer, and student for working collaboratively with us over this half term to ensure that it has been a success. I wish you all a safe, healthy, and restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed when we return on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 8.25am.

Yours sincerely,



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