



Oasis Academy Don Valley

Transition Bulletin - June 2022



Message from the Deputy Principal



Welcome to all of our newest members of Oasis Academy Don Valley. We are very excited that you will be starting at OADV in September and hope that you are too.

I am delighted to be both a teacher and a leader at the Academy and I know that you have made a great choice to join us. We are incredibly proud of our supportive culture and as our Academy continues to grow, we have lots of exciting opportunities to offer you during your secondary school education.

Since opening in 2015 we have been creating a thriving Academy that is at the heart of our community, committed to developing successful learners for the future, through delivering outstanding outcomes for all.

We offer an exciting, secure and happy environment, which provides opportunities for nurturing personal growth and fostering the development of enquiring minds. Our Academy is a vibrant place where expectations are high, everyone is valued and encouraged to be their very best and given opportunities to make their dreams a reality. We can't wait for you to join us!

The time between now and September will go quickly, and it is our commitment to giving you and your family the right support at this really important part of your education.

Please read and enjoy your first family bulletin which has important information about your next steps.

We can't wait to meet you!

Mrs Gormal, Deputy Principal



Meet the OADV Staff

Each newsletter we will introduce the staff who work at OADV. In this bulletin we want to introduce you to the staff members you will meet during the initial transition program



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Mr Pape - Principal



Role in the Academy: I have the privilege of being principal across our whole Academy from our Nursery to Year 11 next year. Having been here from the opening day in September 2015, I have been proud to see the Academy go from strength to strength through the commitment of our staff and young people

Favourite Quote: Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world. *Nelson Mandela*

University I Attended: I studied sport science at Teesside University before working as a personal trainer. After time working in Doncaster deaf school, I realised I wanted to work in education so did my teacher training at De Montfort University, Bedford.

Mrs Michels – Deputy Principal



Role in the Academy: I am part of the Academy leadership team, here to ensure that all of our OADV students receive the best possible education. I lead the primary phase, however work hard to promote the 'All-through' Academy, therefore you will see me in lessons, on duty and leading whole Academy events.

Favourite Quote: All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. *Walt Disney*

University I Attended: I studied at Sheffield Hallam University achieving a BA (Hons) in Education with Qualified Teacher Status, I later returned to Sheffield Hallam University and completed my Masters degree in Teaching and Learning.

Mrs Gormal – Deputy Principal



Role in the Academy: I support in leading the Academy on a daily basis to ensure you have the best possible education. You will see me on duty, in assemblies and in your lessons. I also teach History and Ethics.

Favourite Quote: I raise up my voice—not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. ... We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back. *Malala Yousafzai*

University I Attended: I studied at the University of Manchester achieving a BA (hons) in History and a Masters Degree in History and Theology. I undertook my teaching degree at Bishop Grosseteste in Lincoln.

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Ms Abdulkarim – Assistant Principal

Role in the Academy: My role as an Assistant Principal is to help ensure the very best climate and culture for learning happens at OADV. I will be working hard to ensure you get to enjoy many experiences whilst here safely. I am also a PE teacher so will work hard to ignite a passion for lifelong activity

Favourite Quote: You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it. *Harper Lee* (from *To Kill A Mockingbird*)

University I Attended: I attended Liverpool John Moores University where I studied BA (Hons) Physical Education, Sport and Dance which included Qualified Teacher Status.

Mr Wainwright– Assistant Principal

Role in the Academy: I am Assistant Principal in overseeing Behaviour and Personal Development As a PE teacher my job is to get you active and teach you skills to be active for life. As an AP I am here to drive high expectations of staff and students.

Favourite Quote:

The harder I work, the luckier I get Often attributed to Arnold Palmer, famous golfer, but is actually thought to be a quote from *Samuel Goldwyn* the movie producer.

University Attended

I attended the University of Manchester where I read Leisure and Recreation Management. My teacher training took place at the University College of St Mark and St John (MARJONS) in Plymouth. I then studied and completed my Masters (MSc) in Sports Coaching at the University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC).

Mr Hinchliffe – Assistant Principal

Role in the Academy: My role in the Academy is to oversee the assessments that students complete. My aim is to ensure every student has the ability to gain the best possible results that set them up for the future.

Favourite Quote: Everything is theoretically impossible, until it is done. *Robert A. Heinlein*

University Attended: I attended the University of Durham studying Molecular Biology and Biochemistry before transferring to Sheffield Hallam University to complete my degree in Science with Education with QTS.



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Ms Harvey – Assistant Principal

Role in the Academy: My role as Assistant Principal is to ensure you are provided with high quality learning experiences across all subjects, which enables you to gain the skills and knowledge needed to achieve your goals. You will see me daily in and out of your lessons, on duty around the school, in your assemblies, and teaching mathematics. I look forward to meeting you all!

Favourite Quote: Trust yourself, you know more than you think –
Benjamin Spock

University Attended: I came to Sheffield to study and achieve a BSc Mathematics at the University of Sheffield. I then continued my studies at the University to complete my PGCE Secondary Maths with QTS. Sheffield is such a good city, I never left!



Miss Fitzpatrick – Assistant Principal

Role in the Academy: My role as Assistant Principal is to help support you to ensure that you have the most successful and enjoyable educational experience possible. You will see me a lot around the academy popping in your lessons and on duty, I cannot wait to get to know you all. I also teach humanities lessons.

Favourite Quote: Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world. *Roald Dahl*

University Attended: I attended Newcastle University where I studied BA (Hons) History and Archaeology. After graduating from my undergraduate degree, I then undertook my teacher training at Sheffield Hallam University.



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Mr Mills – Head of KS3

Role in the Academy: My role is to look after the behaviour and success of all students and to ensure you have every opportunity to succeed and reach your maximum potential while here at OADV. I am here to make sure you feel safe and guide you through to your GCSEs.

Favourite Quote:

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.
Albert Einstein

University Attended

I attended York St. John University where I studied Physical Education with Management studies and then went on to do my Post Graduate degree in Secondary Physical Education at Leeds Metropolitan University



Miss Croker – Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager

Role in the Academy: My Role as Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager is to engage with students and families to support them to overcome barriers to learning including attendance and to promote and support students' emotional well-being.

I believe that we can all have a positive impact on the world around us, regardless of our background and I have high expectations of you all for your time here at OADV, I look forward to meeting you all and being a part of your journey here.

Favourite Quote:

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. *Steven Hawking*

Route to joining OADV:

I have been a Designated Safeguarding lead for 11 years and lived in the local area since I was 18 it is my honour to work in my own community. I have qualifications across all inclusion strands including nurture, autism and behaviour management qualifications



Over the next two weeks, we will be visiting your primary school to meet you and answer any questions.





Meet our Students.

Our current students wanted to tell you all about their experiences at OADV and offer you their top tips for success.

Hi, I am Siyanah I am 14 and in Year 9.

The best thing about Secondary School is all the new subjects you will learn. I love being in Art, Technology and Science. It is normal to feel nervous about starting secondary school, but you don't need to be! All our students respect one another and if you ever need anything anybody would be happy to help.

Remember, we were all new to OADV at some point. On your first day, make sure you come prepared, relax, and speak to everyone!

My name is Sami. I am 13 years old and in Year 8.

I like to learn new things and my favourite subjects are English, Maths, Science and Technology. The teachers in OADV are great! The teachers will help you make lots of progress in your learning and make lessons exciting and fun.

My advice to you is that stay calm on the first few days. You will soon meet the other wonderful students and they will become your best friends – just like they have for me!

Our students can't wait to get to know you. Excitingly this will be the first year since we opened in 2015 that we have students from 2-16 in the academy. You are part of our OADV history!

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Getting to know you



Over the next few weeks, we will be setting a series of fun challenges for you to complete. These offer an opportunity to show off your skills and individuality by introducing yourself in a creative way!

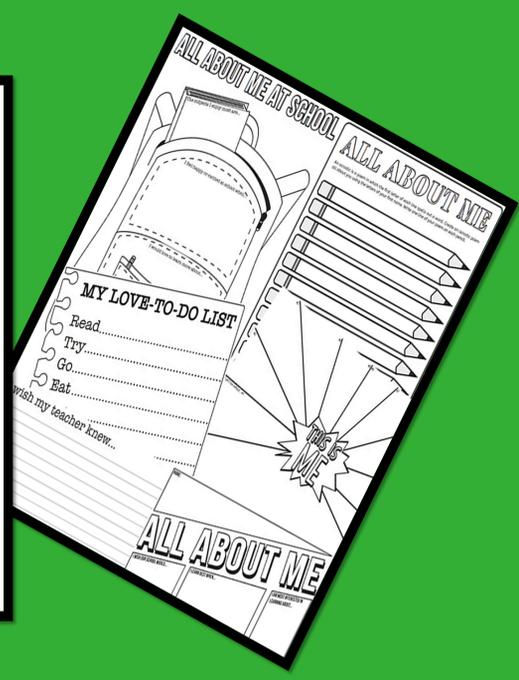
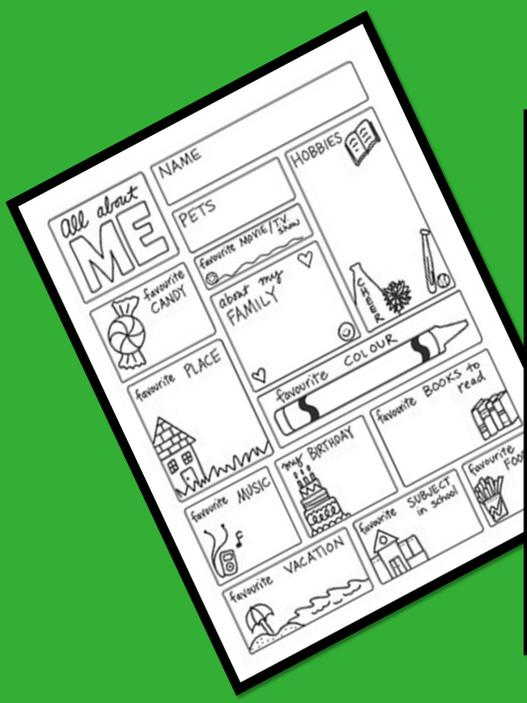
First Challenge

Your first challenge allows you to be as creative and as imaginative as you want.

The task is to teach us a little about you. We want to learn two or three things about you, and you can do this in any way you wish.

Some examples are; a picture, painting, slide show, video, song, sculpture, dance or news report. If you do not do this on a computer, you can take a picture or video and drop it in to the academy to share.

The best entries will be entered into a special prize draw. Winners will receive their prizes on our induction days in July.



Please send your challenge by **Friday 8th July 2022** by email Dana.Abdulkarim@oasisdonvalley.org or tweet [@oasisdonvalley](https://twitter.com/oasisdonvalley)

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We know you will have lots of questions, especially in this unprecedented time, so we have tried to answer some of the most commonly asked ones below.

How will I meet my advisory teacher?

We will hold a parent event which is an opportunity for you to meet your advisory teacher and ask any questions about secondary school life here at OADV. Important dates for your diary are:

Wednesday July 6th starting at 4pm* – Parent/Carer Welcome Evening
***more details to follow – staggered entry, invitations sent by June 24th**

Tuesday 12th July and Wednesday 13th July – OADV Induction Days

You will meet your Advisory tutor during your induction days (12th/13th July), they will be very excited to meet you for the first time.

What is an advisory teacher?

An advisory teacher is a member of staff whose job it is to take care of their advisory group. You will be in an advisory group with around 24 students, and you will have a Year 7 advisory teacher to make sure you are ready to succeed in the academy. They are the person your parent contacts if they need any information or help.

How long is the academy day?

The School day begins at 8.27am but most people arrive around 8.00am to get some breakfast; the day ends at 3pm with extra-curricular activities until 4pm

Am I allowed my mobile phone?

We understand that students may have their phones with them for the journey to and from the Academy, but they are to be switched off and handed in to student services. They must never be used on the school site.

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The 9 Habits

Considerate

To choose to love others like
you love yourself

Honest

To be honest and
have integrity

Compassion

To be compassionate and
kind whilst acting justly

Humble

To be honouring in
seeking transformation

Joyful

To be joyful and positive and
help others to be the same

**Self-
controlled**

To be self-controlled

Forgiving

To be forgiving
and committed to
healthy relationships

Patient

To be patient and
persevering

Hopeful

To be hopeful in seeking
transformation

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If you need to make contact with the academy you can do so as follows:

Call into our Main Reception which is open from **8:00am-4:00pm**.

T: 0114 2200 400

E: info@oasisdonvalley.org

Remember to return your Enrolment forms as soon as possible and to place your order for uniform in plenty of time to ensure that you receive it for September.

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