

4 January 2023

Dear Parent /Carer.

I hope that you and your family have had a relaxing break and have enjoyed the festivities. As we look towards the start of the new term there are a few key points I would like to bring to your attention and remind everyone of

Student Success.

1. **Year 11 Mock Exam outcomes** – I would like to share how proud we are again of our Year 11 students, as we head towards their final preparation for their summer exams. In our second round of mocks, we achieved 44% 4+ Basics and 25% 5+ Basics placing us 4th and 4th in the trust respectively and the highest performing Academy within the trust outside of London. This is a fantastic result and is testament to the handwork of all staff and students.
2. **Year 6 mock assessment outcomes** – As with our Year 11 students we are tremendously proud of the progress our Year 6 students are making in their preparation for their SATs this summer. In English already 61% of students are working at the expected standard in English and 23% in Maths placing us for 6th in OCL for Reading and 4th for Maths.

We know that there is still a long way to go and a lot of learning to be done between now and the summer. To support your child whether in Year 11 or in Year 6 please can you regularly work through the following as through a strong partnership of working together we can ensure we support every child in achieving their potential.

1. Discuss your Childs learning with them, what have they been learning, what have they found easy, what do they need to improve and what they are doing about this.
2. Making sure they attend every day discussing the importance of being in the Academy every day and of being punctual to both the start of the Academy Day and every lesson.
3. Asking what homework your child has and what revision they should be doing helping them organise their revision programme
4. Check what Booster sessions they should be attending and Support with their attendance
5. Attend all parent activities that we organise to help support children during their exams.

Academy Successes

On 13 and 14 December we had on Oasis Community Learning Monitoring and Evaluation visit, which is our Academy Health Check. This was a really positive visit amongst our Academy festivities. The overall outcome is that we are a securely good school and continue to move in the right direction.

Some of the key positives of the visit were

1. Our students and the way they can discuss their learning and the pride they have in their learning
2. Students take pride in their books which are well-presented, provide a coherent record of their learning and are a useful revision tool.
3. During the visit, the visitors did not see any that was less than good in any of the lessons that they visited

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4. The progress that both our Year 6 and Year 11 are making and the effort everyone is putting in
5. The Teaching in all lessons was never less than good and this supports students to make rapid and sustained progress
6. All students spoken to during the review felt that **behaviour** in the academy is good and **bullying** is managed well.
7. Students say that they feel safe in the Academy and have an adult that they can always speak to

Some of the areas we are working on that you can support with are
Things we need to improve:

1. Students need to be reading more both within the Academy and at home – utilising the online library more effectively
2. We need to be ensuring more students bring their iPads on a regular basis and that they are used more effectively in lessons particularly in our Secondary Phase
3. Attendance needs to be stronger more students need to be attending regularly and the gap between the Academy and the National Average needs to close rapidly
4. Improve punctuality to both the start of the Academy Day and individual lessons

We thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact the academy on 0114 2200400 or through the Academy email address info@oasisdonvalley.org if you have any questions

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Pape".

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