

A message from the Academy Principal

As we enter the 'business end' of the academic year, I would like to wish all of our families well and say another huge thank you for your continued support so far this year.

The summer term has already seen a number of exciting developments. At the end of April, we were delighted to welcome the families of over one hundred Year 6 students to our Welcome Evening. We have received applications from families from an unprecedented amount of feeder primary schools this year, and are delighted that we are expecting to see record numbers of students attending the Academy in September. I look forward to welcoming everyone to the Oasis family in the autumn term, following our Transition Days in July.

I am also very proud of our recent work with the Saints Foundation, which has seen two of our Year 10 students working with Tristan (our Saints Champion) and Southampton Football Club in producing a special edition of 'The Big Issue'. These students were rewarded by meeting with the Southampton manager, Ralph Hasenhuttl, and were also interviewed on Radio Solent about their work. Tristan has been busy – he has also teamed up with our Science Department and Southampton University to do a range of exciting work with Lifelab, an organisation which is raising awareness of the future health risks to young people. You can read all about these events, and a lot more, through our social media channels on Twitter and Facebook.

This is always an extremely exciting time for Year 11 as we enter a tough period of exams. I write this message on the eve of their first 'real' exam and I do hope that students achieve the excellence they deserve. It has been an absolute real privilege to work with the Class of 2019. Of the 98 young people in this year group, each and every one of them is a credit to the Academy. They combine a desire to achieve their best with determination and great humour. Good luck Year 11, and very well done!

At the end of the spring term staff and students said farewell to Mrs Clark, who has now left the Academy following her retirement. Remarkably, Mrs Clark has served the community as a member of Oasis Academy Lord's Hill and Oaklands Community School since 1988. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours. I am delighted that Mr Gundry has now been appointed as the permanent Assistant Principal (Student Entitlement), and my senior team has been further strengthened by Mrs Dawkins, Assistant Principal (Safeguarding), who now works at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill and Oasis Academy Mayfield. At the start of June we will also be joined by Dr Riding, who was successful at securing the post of Vice Principal (Curriculum and Teaching) earlier this year. Like Mr Gundry, Dr Riding was selected from a highly competitive national shortlist. She joins us from the Burgate School in Hampshire with a track record of improving outcomes for students. My new team will be working hard over the remainder of the summer term to prepare for the next academic year, during which we will continue to strengthen the positive work that has recently taken place.

I wish you all a successful and happy summer term.

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