

20th July 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

I have great pleasure in writing to you at the end of a brilliant term at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill. As I come to the end of my first full year as the very proud Principal here, I continue to be amazed by our fantastic students and phenomenal staff.

There is lots of information in this letter and several others have already been sent out. All parental communications are posted on our website and act as a quick reference guide if needed. Please let the Academy know if you need more details on any matter.

We are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues this term and are also welcoming several new additions. I am sure you will wish them all the best and more details will be shared next term.

We recently celebrated the end of our time with year 11 students who became the first year group since Covid rules were changed to sit public examinations. We wish them all the best in their training and college placements next year.

Elsewhere we have celebrated all the term's achievements in special assemblies, and it has been wonderful to see so many students successful. Furthermore, our recent sports day was a triumph of team collaboration and competitive action, with all students taking part.

Finally, over recent days we have completed the vital process of picking our Student Leadership Team, their feedback and applications were awesome, and they will be a great asset. I am impressed by the leadership potential of our students, and long may this continue.

I wish you and your family a great, safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to the return of students next term.

1) Student Start Date

Students will return to the Academy on the following days after which they will attend on every school day:

Friday 2 nd September	Year 7 Students <u>only</u>
Monday 5 th September	<u>All</u> students

All students must arrive promptly for an 08:30 start each day in full uniform and with the correct equipment.

Principal - Benjamin Bond

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2) Uniform

We take pride in each and every one of our pupils at the Academy. We know that students are equally proud to be wearing their Academy badge on their uniforms.

Our Academy works with the uniform provider Skoolkit. Here you can buy everything you need, from school jumpers to book bags.

Uniform checks will take place daily in tutor lesson in the morning. Concerns about uniform will be followed-up with families.

General Uniform

- Academy blazer with Academy badge. Blazers must be worn inside the building; they can be removed with staff permission in class.
- Tailored black trousers (no leggings, jeggings, jeans - not fitted around the ankle) or a tailored black skirt (just above the knee, no slits). **Tailored skirts should not be clinging or stretchy material.**
- Plain black tights are recommended with the skirt.
- Black shoes, preferably leather, with plain white or dark socks. No socks above the knee. Shoes should have no visible branding. **No trainers or trainer type shoes.**
- White shirt with a collar (short or long sleeved). Shirts must be tucked in.
- Academy tie, worn in the collar with three stripes showing.
- A suitable school bag. Bags should be large enough to carry all equipment.
- Achievement badges can be worn on lapels.

Sports Uniform

- Plain black shorts.
- Academy sports shirt.
- Plain black sweat shirt.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or suitable black leggings.
- Suitable trainers.

General Appearance

- Rings must not be worn. Students are allowed to wear one simple wristband and/or a watch.
- Students should not have haircuts, colouring or accessories that are extreme or unnatural. Extremes of fashion will be challenged.
- One pair of simple studs is acceptable, no hooped earrings. Spacers must not be worn. Nose piercings must be removed, or a clear retainer must be worn.
- Subtle make-up is allowed. Make-up must be discreet or natural looking.
- False nails must not be worn.

The following image shows an acceptable uniform:



3) Equipment Expectations

Students need suitable equipment every day to be able to learn and progress well. This includes the Horizons iPad fully charged, which is a unique offer to all our students to enhance their learning in and beyond the classroom.

The following equipment is required each day by every student. Equipment checks will be carried out daily for all students in the morning tutor lesson and follow-ups will take place with families where tutors have concerns about a lack of equipment for learning.

-iPad fully charged in the Horizons case and brought to school in a suitable bag

-pencil case

-black pen

-green pen

-ruler 15 cm.

-protractor

-scientific calculator

-pencil

-rubber

-glue stick

-highlighter



4) Attendance

At Oasis Academy Lord's Hill, we are committed to providing a broad and balanced education to all. We encourage our children to strive for excellence. For a child to reach their full educational achievement, a high level of attendance is essential. The Department for Education requires that all students attend for a minimum of 95% each academic year. Every student falling below this attendance figure will initiate follow-up actions with families as part of the Academy's legal requirement to ensure good attendance.

The Academy has these procedures in place to encourage good attendance:

- Every student is monitored every day to spot patterns of missed days
- The Academy cannot authorise any absence for minor illnesses. Authorised illness needs to be evidenced by a medical professional. This includes evidence of medical appointments
- The Academy will send a warning letter to families when students have a total of 3 days unauthorised absence. This will lead to an application for a fixed penalty notice when a total of 5 days is reached

If you wish to discuss the attendance of your child, please contact our attendance officer at attendance@oasislordshill.org

5) Student Information

It is vital that student's records are up to date. If your child has a change to any of the following, please update us immediately using MCAS, or by contacting the Academy on 023 80393660.

- Home address
- Contact number (for all contacts)
- Email address (for all contacts)
- Medical conditions
- Allergies

6) Medications

The Academy is not permitted to hold a stock of medication such as paracetamol, ibuprofen and antihistamines. Under no circumstances will staff administer or give pain relief to a student unless the medication has been provided by the parent/carer, along with a signed consent form.

Where medication or treatment is required for a short period, for example the completion of a course of antibiotics, the student's parent/carer will be required to sign a consent form.

Please remind your child that they should never give medication, including paracetamol, to another student as this could have serious consequences.

7) Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022:

Thursday 1st September to Friday 16th December

(Year 7 only return Friday 2nd September. All students return Monday 5th September)

Half Term:

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

Christmas Break:

Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January

Spring Term 2023:

Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 31st March

Half Term:

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

Easter Break:

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023:

Monday 17th April to Thursday 21st July

Half Term:

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

8) Staff Training Days *(Students are not required to attend)*

Day 1: Thursday 1st September 2022

Day 2: Friday 14th October 2022

Day 3: Monday 21st November 2022

Day 4: Monday 6th March 2023

Day 5: Friday 23rd June 2023

Day 6: Friday 21st July 2023

You can find the Academy and Southampton City Council term dates on our website:

<https://www.oasisacademylordshill.org/academy-life/term-dates>

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Benjamin Bond
Principal