

20<sup>th</sup> July 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

I have great pleasure in writing to you at the end of a brilliant year at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill. As I come to the end of my first term in my new role as Head of School, I continue to be amazed by our fantastic students and phenomenal staff and am proud to be in this position leading the academy with Mr Bond our Executive Principal.

Before reflecting on this academic year and looking ahead to the next, I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the life of Munir. The overwhelming response to his tragic passing showed how popular and well-respected he was as a family member, student, friend and member of our community. Munir will always remain in our hearts as part of our Oasis Academy Lord's Hill community, and this is reflected in some of the personal messages shared below and in the wonderful photo of our students and staff dressed in red shirts on our recent non-uniform day to reflect Munir's passion for Manchester United. There are some proposed projects that we hope to take forward as a community to celebrate his life together and I hope to update you on the progress with these in the Autumn Term.

Alongside this event, we still look to celebrate our achievements as a community this summer term and look forward to welcoming our returning students in September. This has been an extremely busy but productive time with every week offering opportunities for our students and community.

It is a real pleasure to see our Year 11 students finishing their exams ahead of their results day on 24<sup>th</sup> August and our Year 7-10 students taking their end of year assessments to demonstrate the progress our students have made. This is alongside seeing enrichment clubs at the end of the day flourish and students loving these opportunities. I recently walked a corridor after school to find an acoustic singing group, a textiles workshop and a science club in close vicinity of one another! There have been the biggest number of trips and visits completed this term, ranging from our Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions to the Music Soco visit and all the excitement around our first residential trip abroad since the pandemic to Paris. All of these opportunities would not be possible without the support and dedication of our wonderful staff in planning and offering these.

I am proud to work for Oasis Community Learning and believe that our academy is in a unique position to grow further in the new academic year as we welcome our incoming Year 6 students and those joining from other schools in older years. My vision is simple for what we can achieve when we work together:

- A fantastic curriculum delivered by specialist teachers and support staff
- A belief that we offer "excellence for all, by all"
- A wide-ranging personal development and enrichment curriculum that widens our students' experiences and understanding of the world around them
- A caring and supportive environment where individuals matter, and we support each other to achieve this

**Principal - Benjamin Bond**

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Excellence by all, for all

I hope that our students, staff and community take the opportunity to reflect over the summer and that we return in September with real energy and passion to make our academy the best yet. I want to take this opportunity to thank members of staff and students leaving us for pastures new but hope that they will take a little of our wonderful community with them in their hearts on their onward journey. They will be sadly missed but we hope that they will keep us updated with their achievements moving forwards.

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.

### **1) Student Start Date and the Academy day**

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

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 Students <u>only</u>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students will line up at the front of the academy building and Year 10 and 11 students will enter the building from the community entrance.

The academy day is as follows:

08:30	Students enter the building and proceed to tutor lesson
08:35	Tutor lesson begins
08:57	Transition to Period 1
09:00	Period 1 begins (bell after which arriving students are marked as late to lesson)
09:57	Transition to Period 2
10:00	Period 2 begins (bell after which arriving students are marked as late to lesson)
11:00	Break
11:27	Transition to Period 3
11:30	Period 3 begins (bell after which arriving students are marked as late to lesson)
12:27	Transition to Period 4
12:30	Period 4 begins (bell after which arriving students are marked as late to lesson)
13:30	Break
13:57	Transition to Period 5
14:00	Period 5 begins (bell after which arriving students are marked as late to lesson)
15:00	Dismissal with teachers leading groups to nearest exit (community or main entrance)
15:05	Enrichment clubs begin including Year 11 intervention
16:00	Enrichment clubs end

### **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 pleated black skirt (just above the knee, no slits). **Skirts must not be clinging or of a 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 including the iPad and charger
- Achievement badges can be worn on lapels.

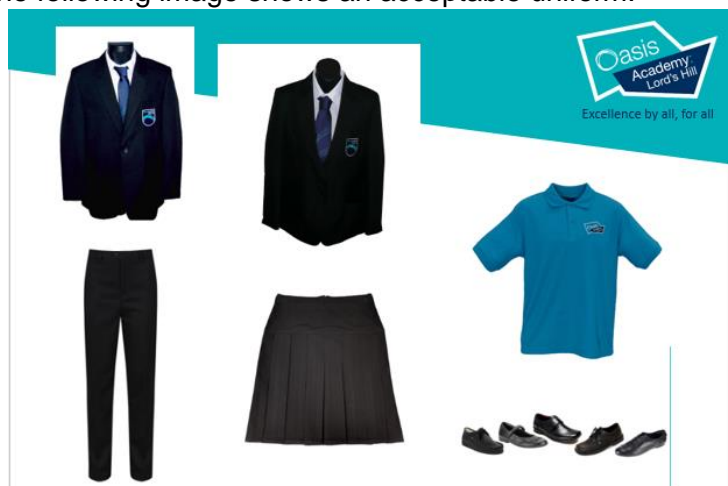
## Sports Uniform

- 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.
- Any student with incorrect uniform will be removed from lessons and families contacted to rectify any issues with uniform

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](mailto: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 2023:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**(Year 7 only return Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All students return Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September)**

Half Term:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Break:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January

### Spring Term 2024:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Half Term:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Break:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2024:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

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

Day 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Day 2: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Day 3: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Day 4: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Day 5: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Day 6: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

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 the academy using the email [info@oasislordshill.org](mailto:info@oasislordshill.org)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Riding', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Karen Riding  
Head of School