## November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer



## **Oxford University Mentoring Scheme Year 10 students**

I am delighted to inform you that your son/daughter has been selected by the Head of Year 10 Mrs Knight to be part of the scheme this year for Year 10 students.

This is the second year that the mentoring scheme has been at the Academy and last year's students were very positive about its positive impact on them as individuals.

The mentoring scheme has the following aims:

- provide dedicated 1:1 support for students studying for GCSEs and raise their aspirations
- provide an opportunity for debate and discussion on wider issues in our society
- provide expertise from an Oxford University graduate who is a vastly experienced mentor within the scheme

Our mentor, Mrs Kate Bardsley, is returning to the Academy this year and will lead a series of weekly sessions from 18 November. In the first week these will act as an introduction session before moving to small group work from the second week. The 40-minute mentoring sessions will take part in the Academy day, but we will revolve these to avoid impact on lessons and learning. Students will be able to return to their lesson and catch up upon any missed content.

This is a fantastic addition to the curriculum vitae of any young person and we hope that parents will be very supportive of their child's involvement.

All safeguarding checks are in place for any mentors within the scheme and sessions will take place on the Academy site within our Boardroom as a comfortable and well-appointed space for the sessions.

If you have any further questions about the scheme which will run through to the Spring term 2024, or you do not consent for your child to take part, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on info@oassislordshill.org

Yours faithfully

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