

Dear families,

In what has undoubtedly been the most challenging of years for the school, I want to share with you first and foremost how proud I am of our school community in how it has come together. Our students have shown that the best place for them to be, through all the challenges over the past two years, has been in school. Not only have they been excellent in and out of the classroom but with the gradual return of our afterschool clubs we have slowly been returning to some normality.

Over the last few weeks students have been busy rehearsing for drama performances, whether that has been the talented year 7s performing Romeo & Juliet, the inspiring year 8s performance of 100 or the wonderful year 9s who not only performed Crusaders to families but also had the opportunity to go to the Albany Theatre and perform to a public audience. Outside of drama, students have been recording and performing in preparation for our virtual showcase with an excellent range of dance and musical talent on display. These life-long memories are what dreams are built upon and I am proud of all the hard work from our staff in ensuring that students get the most of their time at school. In a term where we tragically mourn the death of one of our students, we are mindful of just how precious these moments are.

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on; and our little life is rounded with a sleep."

Prospero, The Tempest, Shakespeare

As proud as I am of all that our staff and students have accomplished over the last year, I am also acutely aware of what has been lost due to the pandemic. Not only have our year 11 and year 13 students not had the chance to complete their examination years in full, but our year 7 and year 8 students have not been able to complete their rite of passage by going on the PGL camping trips. Our year 10 students lost out on the chance to go to work experience and our relationships with families have felt more distant than we would like in the absence of formal parents' evenings. I hope that in the coming year we can address all these missed experiences for our students as well as continuing to work hard in the classroom to address the learning that has been lost over the last two years.

As with any year in school, not only are we saying farewell to our students, but we also say goodbye to some much loved members of staff too. This year Mr Robinson leaves us having decided to no longer commute for over two hours a day to work on the other side of London from where he lives, with several years of service at the academy we wish him all the best at Oasis Academy Enfield. Mr



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Walsh leaves us to move to the South West with his family and also remains in the Oasis family, he will be joining Oasis Academy Brightstowe in Bristol. Mr Owen also leaves us to go and work in Singapore. I would like to thank them and all other members of staff who are moving on for all their hard work and dedication over the years. I would also like to thank the following members of staff who are retiring and have worked at our academy for over 20 years each: Ms Easterbrook, Ms Smith, and Ms Gilroy. We wish them all a happy retirement.

I would like to remind families of the arrangements for the end of term, Friday will be an own-clothes day and students and staff will pay £1 on entry to the school. The money collected on this day will go to the family of Damarie Roye in order for us to contribute towards funeral costs. Students will be dismissed from school between 11:50 to 12:00 from their normal exits.

Whatever your plans for the summer break, I hope that as a family you are able to find time to spend some quality time together. We have learnt many things from the struggles we have been through as a school community but personally I feel that this year more than any other our values as a school, as teachers and as students have allowed us to make such a challenging year a success.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy summer.

Sincerely,



Saqib Chaudhri

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