

11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

After such a long time away from school, we were delighted to welcome all year groups gradually back to the Academy this week. Bringing our students back slowly allowed staff and students the time to adjust to the new routines and build confidence in the measures we have taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our entire Academy community. I am pleased to share this week has been a great success and I would like to thank you for your patience this week in helping us build back up into the thriving and successful Academy we were before lockdown.

Start & finish times

I would like to remind families now the induction days for all year groups are complete, the start time for students are as listed below. It is crucial in keeping a safe and orderly environment that students arrive during their year group’s arrival window and no sooner:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form
Arrival Window	8.00 to 8:15	8.00 to 8:15	8:15 to 8:30	8:30 to 8:45	8:15 to 8:30	8:30 to 8:45
Dismissal	14:55	14:55	15:10	3:25	15:10	3:25

Going to and from school

The Academy understands during the current climate, travelling by public transport can have added difficulties, as an Academy we have been in communication with TfL in order to create a better service for our students. Please see below the advice from TfL to mitigate against any risk for students:

Buses marked as a School Service

These are designed for use by school children travelling without adults. We ask school children travelling without adults travel on the designated school services where these are provided, in order to help ensure space for customers on other non-school services. Customers must also wear face coverings unless exempt for age (under 11 years), health or equality reasons - including on the 'school services'.

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By doing all of this we will help increase capacity and free up other buses for other customers, and also help enable London's young people to make safe and reliable journeys to and from school.

A reminder that Zip Oyster Photocards are still valid for all schoolchildren and that free and discounted travel entitlements have not changed. Please note that if children move between 11-15 and 16+ cards they will still need to register for the next card.

With the added number of parents and carers wishing to collect their children by car, the number of cars entering our Academy car park has become unsafe. As a result, the Academy will only allow blue badge holders to drive onto the Academy site in order to collect their son/daughter.

Masks & Uniform

I would like to remind parents and carers that having a mask is now part of our Academy uniform expectation. The masks students have been given are machine washable and should always be brought to the Academy. Can we ask these are washed and prepared ready for Monday. Should a student continue to forget their mask and leave at home, this would be treated in the same way as a uniform violation and students that persistently forget their masks may be sanctioned accordingly. As parents and carers are aware, students who are doing PE must arrive to the Academy in their Academy PE kit. If a student does not have their Academy PE kit as yet, students must wear a **plain black** tracksuit or jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt. We encourage all parents and carers to purchase the Academy PE kit as soon as possible. Should this not be possible for any reason, please do let your child's Head of Year know.

A new year, a new hope

Lastly, in my start of year assembly this year I spoke to students about the poem by Rudyard Kipling called 'If'. A stanza from it is below:

If you can dream and not make dreams your master;
 If you can think and not make thoughts your aim;
 If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster;
 And treat those two impostors just the same;
 If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken;
 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools;
 Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken;
 And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

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I have spoken with students about how times of triumph and times of disaster are both imposters in life, because for the bulk of our lives we build up towards one triumph to the other, whether this is from our GCSE results to our A Level results or from one promotion to the next. However, true character comes from remembering that disaster too is also an imposter. Any disaster is short lived so long as we have the perseverance to stoop and build our hopes back up.

It is with this hope we go into the new academic year to 'build up' our Academy once more and through the disaster of the pandemic, Oasis Academy Shirley Park can be proud in how we serve our local community and our students.

I would also like to congratulate our new year 7 and year 12 students on having a fantastic first week at the Academy. They have shown great promise and have settled into their new school routines brilliantly. All the staff at Oasis Academy Shirley Park are delighted to be back teaching once again and I would like to express my thanks to them in what has been a busy week for everyone. I hope our students have a restful weekend after what has no doubt been a busy week for them too and we look forward to seeing them next week.

Yours sincerely,



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