

Monday 26th September 2022



Dear Families,

I am so pleased to be writing to you at the start of another successful year at Oasis Academy Shirley Park. Yet again our students in Year 11 and Year 13 were celebrating all that they worked so hard to achieve. I am delighted to tell you our students' outcomes this summer were stronger than our excellent outcomes from the last time students sat formal exams in 2019. Over 60% of our students passed English and Maths and we saw fantastic outcomes in Science, History, Dance, Business, MFL to name just a few. Over 90% of our sixth formers packed their bags in the summer and are headed to their first-choice university destination, which includes some of the best universities in the country.

We also welcome into our school community our new Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts. This year we had more Year 11 students remain with us into sixth form than ever before, a growing reflection of the affection, care and high standards we strive to provide. In Year 7, I am delighted to say we are at maximum capacity for the year group and students have made an excellent start to meeting the demands of secondary school life. This week they have also experienced their first taste of our vast enrichment programme afterschool and we have over 150 students staying behind on a daily basis to participate in sports and clubs at the end of each day.

Our journey as a school continues to be a positive one as we transition into a year where we really focus on the development of the whole child. At Shirley Park we are doing this through the establishment of the LIFE curriculum, each letter signifies an important development strand that we want each of our students to nurture; Leadership, Identity, Futures, Enrichment. Each of these core areas of focus has their own LIFE Leader and they are Ms Stevens, Ms Entwistle, Ms Kent and Ms Fraser who collectively make up the LIFE Team. The work this group will do over the coming year will enable students to enjoy a full and rich rewards system, celebrate the culture and diversity of our school community as well as establish a student leadership team from Years 7 to 13 that will be fundamental in driving improvement and greater moral purpose through our ethos.

I started the school year by telling students the story of the polio epidemic in America and how President Roosevelt, who himself suffered from a physical disability due to contracting the disease as a child, was an instrumental figure in not only supporting the scientific research that led to the polio vaccine but also he led the charitable drive of the American people to fund different research methods to find a solution to an illness that plagued the world at the time. It was this sense of care from President Roosevelt that led to polio being almost fully eradicated from the world decades later and it was this sense of care that we need to take forth into the coming year to ensure we have a successful year ahead of us.



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This half term we have some notable dates for families, including an early finish for students on Thursday 29th September so staff can prepare for Open Evening on that day, students will be dismissed at 14:20 and families will receive a reminder through our text message system. We also have Year 10 parents evening on the 13th October as well as our Sixth Form Open Evening on the 20th October. Lastly, we also have a staff training day on the 14th October and students will remain at home on this day.

We have a busy term ahead of us and have laid the foundations upon which we will build a caring, thriving community where each child is able to love learning, care for their community and build their bright future.

Sincerely,



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