



As the end of term break arrives I wish you a lovely break, hopefully, some better weather and a chance to meet friends now that the new rules have started to arrive.

The students have come back with great attitudes and are enjoying seeing their friends. It's difficult to get try and get back to normal but they have done incredibly well and have shown real resilience. We understand that now is the time to make the extra effort to be kind to one another. Too much time has been spent over the computer and when adjusting to face to face conversations it is really important that everyone understands that now, more than ever, words have consequences. We have been talking about this a lot this half term is PHSCE about showing kindness and consideration.

I wanted to share this wonderful poem from Kayleigh in Year 8. It made us smile. I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Our heads of Years and departments have shared some of the work they have been doing this term. Have a lovely break when it comes.

On 19th April we will be having a parents evening for all years with an opportunity for parents to speak with tutors to get an update on the following, wellbeing, attitude to learning and curriculum recovery. You will be able to book appointments through MCAS (My child at school) our Parent portal online or using the App.

Mrs McLoughlin

I was there

When way of life was rearranged

When everyone knew and no one was sure

And going out was to the front door

I was there with weekly claps

And Captain Tom did garden laps

Hundred years old, guess what he did?

Only raised twenty million quid!!!!

I was there when flour was rare

And we had to cut our own hair

When Mum was teacher, the pupils cried

Not knowing how long we'd stay inside

I was there when world was a mess

We realised we loved the NHS

When new heroes were coming through

Lots were mainly dressed in blue

I was there for all to see

Stuck inside with family

With smiles and tears and littlies askin'

Who is Carole Baskin

So now we know what life is for

What you have behind your door

You hug them tight and show you care

This is history, and I was there.

Kayleigh, Year 8





# Maths Team

Well, it has been a strange year so far. We all thought that everything was on track before Christmas to have the whole year in the Academy and then came the second lockdown in January.

Remote learning became the norm and the advancements in the use of Microsoft Teams became the forefront of education here at Oasis Academy Immingham. Methods for addressing students understanding 'live' in the lessons was an interesting challenge and the use of emojis were fun – I still haven't worked out why some were much larger than others.

It has been nice to return to the Academy and see all of the smiling eyes (as we cannot see their mouths behind the masks) and to return to a more normal way of learning and teaching. Students have settled back into their maths lessons and are now striving forwards to reach their goals.

The student of the month for March is a perfect example of this – Owen R. He has worked exceptionally hard both during the lockdown and on his return. My final words are to say welcome back to Oasis Academy Immingham and keep working hard.





# We're Delighted...

The Humanities and English department are delighted to have the students back and have set up several clubs to support them. Ms Phillips has set up a poetry club for a group of girls in KS4 who meet once a week. Every week we use a different method to write poems, and the girls have already produced some fantastic work. We have had a particular focus on students' experiences during lockdown; it has been lovely to witness the girls turning what they've been through into poetry. Particular thank you to the various members of staff who have also dropped by and written us poems! Ms McFarlane has set up a club called Brighter Tomorrow.

Brighter Tomorrows is a voluntary group focusing on improving mental wellbeing for secondary school students, supporting mental health charities through completing fundraising activities and learning crucial life-saving skills, with the ultimate goal to create brighter tomorrow's for our school and the wider community. Mr Byrne has organised for someone from Oxford University to speak to Year 11 students. The students and Mr Byrne have also worked on interview technique and personal statements. They've also discussed possible subject choices at top universities and what they need to do to apply.



## Great Resilience!

It was great to see all Year 10 back after the lockdown having only had online contact for lessons it was refreshing to see them all in person.

Online lessons were well attended with Year 10 showing great commitment to their learning. The return to face-to-face teaching has been met (on the whole) with enthusiasm and good humour and it being obvious that everyone has been pleased to meet up with their classmates again.

After the lockdown, the whole academy is back alive with the type of vigour that only Year 10 can bring. Tutor time has been a fertile ground for debate and discussion with lots of pertinent issues being tabled with a passionate point of view. The tutor groups have also shown a very competitive spirit with the tutor time challenges being hotly contested.

On the whole, since coming back Year 10 have shown great resilience and a good sense of humour to the changed procedures we have to follow during the school day. This is a great Year group full of energy passion and personality and it is time for a well-earned rest for a couple of weeks.

Looking forward to returning refreshed for the next term and the challenges it will bring.

Have a great Easter break!

Mr Crawford - Head of Year 10

## The Future is Coming!

This half term has seen another big transition for our Year 11s at Oasis Academy Immingham, coming back to school after spending most of this year on remote learning. The year group have had so much uncertainty and challenges in their final year at school and yet their return to school has been excellent. When form groups are collecting over a thousand achievement points in this half term alone (which two groups have), it is clear to see the pupils are back to work and working hard.

The future is coming soon, and our Year 11s are doing all they can to give themselves the best chances in each of their futures. Myself, Year 11 tutors and everyone in the school appreciate what a great year group we have and know how brilliant they will be in college and beyond.

Mr Brace - Head of Year 11





# Community

After such an uncertain start to 2021, it has been wonderful to welcome the students back into the academy. I have to say that I have been incredibly proud of our Year 7 students, who have settled back into academy life with such focus and maturity. We had a fantastic Rewards assembly on Tuesday, which was a great opportunity to reflect with the students on how well they have returned to school with a real focus on their learning. Our students were celebrated for following our REACH values and we also gave recognition to those students that despite the challenges of lockdown, demonstrated incredible resilience, enthusiasm, and determination to be the best.

If the last year has taught us anything, it is that nothing is certain. However, as a team, we will be successful. Year 7 have embodied our REACH values which will ensure they have a bright future. They have done this by being respectful to staff and each other, being enthusiastic in lessons and working hard. Our Rewards assembly reflected the achievements gained. After the Easter break, the target for Year 7 will be to continue ensuring we are always kind to each other; we are a community, and everyone is valued.

Mrs Churches - Head of Year 7



## Save the Date!

Settling Back Evening on Monday 19th April tutors will be available to discuss your child's return to academy life including their well-being, attitude to learning and curriculum recovery. You can arrange your appointment via MCAS (My Child at School) website or App.

## We are Very Proud!

It has been wonderful to have the students back in the academy and the classrooms full once again. Year 9 have returned to the academy with such enthusiasm, and I am so impressed with their resilience over the last couple of months in exceptionally challenging circumstances. Attendance and engagement with online learning were consistently high and the quality of work produced was exceptional.

I have been inundated with emails from other members of staff praising our Year 9s and these students will be celebrated in our rewards assembly this term. As well as our academic accomplishments, a special mention must go to Kian and Riley from 9TMU, who took on the PSHE challenge and decided to run 5k for 5 days in order to raise money for charity. This challenge embodies what we stand for at Oasis and we are very proud of Kian and Riley for their philanthropic venture.

Mr Moth - Head of Year 9

## Looking Forward!

Next term we will start to focus on the future, guiding our students through the options process and looking at careers. Whilst this may seem a daunting task for some students, we have lots of support available at the academy to ensure that students can make the best choices and start to map their futures.

Year 9 have made me incredibly proud this last term and I know that they will continue into the next term on our mission to be the best Year group at OAI. All that is left for me to say is to thank the form tutors and pastoral managers who have done an incredible job over the last couple of months in keeping everyone connected and checking on well-being and I'd also like to thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely and safe Easter and I look forward to welcoming the students back after the break.





## Hard Work Pays Off!

Another unusual term for us all and I am proud to say we have some amazing students in Year 8. Throughout their time completing online learning we have had some fantastic pieces of work from students, some of which was even shared on our Facebook site for the amazing contributions. We are all facing new daily challenges and the students are adapting well to what is asked of them.

During online learning, there have been many students noted for their hard work. These students have taken the challenge of online learning and thrived. These students are Abbie M, Abigail S, Alfie S, Aron O, Ava D, Christian H, Clayton S, Daniel G, Ella-May Mc, Evie M, Grace C, Grace H, Harry A, Henley C, Jasmine T, John S, Josh W, Kayleigh P, Kaylum R, Kieran S, Lily T, Luke W, Maciej D, Maddison B, Maddison S, Molly S, Mylea T, Nela S, Oliwer R, Owen C, Paige S and Sam T.

The overwhelming response from teachers for the amazing work done by Year 8 during this time shows what a fantastic year group we have.

We look forward to welcoming you all back after Easter ready for an amazing summer term. Next term we will appreciate the warmer weather and looking to increase our community spirit inside and outside the Academy.

Mrs Dibdin - Head of Year 8

## Well Done!

A huge well done to the Year 11 engineering, art, food, music and performing arts students for their hard work and persistence in completing their projects.

Here are a few examples of the quality of the workmanship that has gone into the Year 11 projects. We are very proud of our Year 11 students across all of the creative subjects and we have some great examples to show off.

