

24 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our year 7 families.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; I am Mr Hartley Head of Year 7 and I would like to extend my welcome to you and your family. I will be working alongside Mrs Cranley who is the Assistant Head of Year for year 7.

Year 7 have made a brilliant start to life at Oasis Academy Lister Park. After the turbulent 18 months that we have all faced, it has been great to watch your children embrace a new school, new friends, and new routines with an open mindset and genuine enthusiasm. The year group have made a great first impression to their teachers and demonstrate a keen willingness to be a part of the Oasis Academy Lister Park culture. As head of year, it is my privilege to inform you of the outstanding start that year 7 have made. You should be very proud.

During the summer, you will have received a letter regarding MCAS (My child at school App). It is imperative that you take time to get signed up to this software, as it will give you the opportunity to see first-hand how your child is doing in school on a day-to-day basis. You will be able to look at positive and negative behaviour points and comments from teaching staff as the day goes on. Through the use of MCAS, you will also be able to view and receive letters and have the function to sign and give consent for your child to access various activities. A key feature of MCAS is using the software to upload dinner money for your child to eat at school. This is the most efficient and safest way for your child to buy their dinner while at school. You will be able to top up your child's account with the amount of money you would like, and you will be able to monitor how much money is being spent on a day-to-day basis and see what your child buys for lunch. If you have lost your sign up and log in details, please ask your child to speak to their form tutor, Mr Hartley or Mrs Cranley.

As of Monday, this week, year 7 students finish school at the normal time of 3.00pm. This is in line with the normal running time of the school day. Please can I ask that you make arrangements as necessary to pick your child up at that time. Can I also take this opportunity to ask you to complete any Horizon forms that you may have at home that are outstanding. With an iPad your child has the latest technology, to aid them through their

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journey at Oasis Academy Lister Park. If you have lost your letter, please ask your child to ask Mr Hartley or Mrs Cranley for a replacement.

On Tuesday 5th October 2021, we will be holding a welcome evening where you will be able to come into school between 3.10pm and 5.00pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's form tutor and find out information regarding how your child has settled into secondary school. Mrs Cranley and I will also be there to help with anything you may need and any queries you may have. More information about this evening will be coming out in the coming days.

This week, the year 7 students will be sitting some online assessments which will allow us to place students in the correct learning group for their individual subjects. The students are aware of this and know that there is no need to worry or revise as the assessment is just based on what they currently know following primary school.

At the academy, we aim to offer students opportunities in developing their skill set in both theoretical and practical setting. We therefore run extra-curricular activities from 3pm until 4pm every day. I invite all students to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you need anything at all, please contact the academy and ask for Mr Hartley or Mrs Cranley and we will help to resolve any issues that your child may face during their time at Oasis Academy Lister Park. I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 5th October 2021.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.F. Hartley".

Mr Hartley

Head of Year 7

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