

Academy Leadership Team Message

I hope that everyone is continuing to stay safe and that you are looking after yourselves and your families. I'm sure by now you will all be aware of the governments advice around opening primary schools in a couple of weeks. As I write this to you now, there is no specific date for when secondary schools will open but I want to reassure all of you that we will only open when we are clear it is safe to do so for both our students and staff. I will contact all parents and students as soon as we have a clear message from the government.

In the meantime, I want to thank you all for your engagement in the home learning. I know how difficult it is to try and keep your children focused on their learning at this point in time but the staff are working hard every day to provide lessons. Please continue to encourage your children to engage in this work.

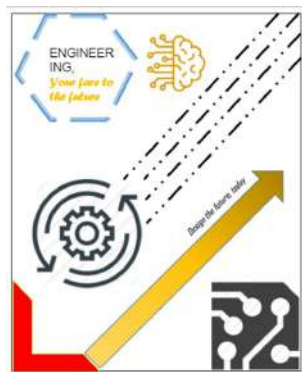
I want to also take this opportunity to apologise for the slowness of the food vouchers coming out to those of you who are eligible to claim free school meals. The government system, EdenRed has been met with many errors. Please be assured that as an academy we are doing all we can to get these issued to your email address as soon as possible. Please contact the admin@oasislisterpark.org email if you have any concerns.

Take care of yourselves everyone and I hope to see all our wonderful students again soon. I really am missing you all.

Mrs Siân Dover, Associate Principal

Art and Design

Despite not having access to our fantastic art studios and resources, some of our students have been producing some lovely pieces of work using limited materials at home. Take a look around and see what you can use. Part of a cardboard box, the inside of a cereal box, back of an envelope. Try using different strengths of tea or used teabags to create a 'painting', or make a collage using items found in the home or garden. Remember – anything is possible!

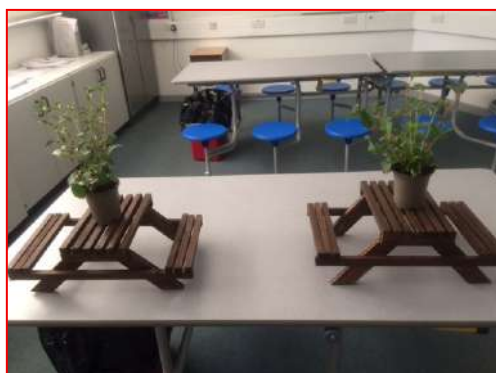


We would love to see how you can be creative. Take photos of your art work and send them to joanne.herbert@oasislisterpark.org to be featured in our newsletter, website and social media!



The Students Get Creative

This week's project by the students in the academy was led by Mr Manning. The students came up with the idea of making something for their gardens, so after a little discussion they created these miniature benches. Both staff and students enjoyed this project very much!



They also created some fantastic artwork to remind everyone to stay safe.



Run for the NHS

Our EAL Co-ordinator, Mrs Taylor, has been very busy during lockdown completing her personal challenge of running a total of 175km to raise money for the NHS. With each run at least 5km, Mrs Taylor has said *"It is incredibly difficult, because I am not the athletic type, however every effort is worth it to support the NHS"*.



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So far Mrs Taylor has raised a total of £280, which exceeds her original target of £150 by a huge amount!

Congratulations on a fantastic achievement!

Mental Health and Wellbeing

In these difficult times it is extremely important to practice self care and look after your mental health.

If you feel you may need emotional support, a listening ear or merely a break from the current routine and a friendly conversation, Mrs Wainwright is available for a chat at any time. You can contact her on 07970963838.

Contact numbers and websites for various support groups are also available on our website, click this link to view: <https://www.oasisacademylisterpark.org/community/covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Performing Arts Industry

Music

Andrew Lloyd Webber is streaming his most well know musicals on Youtube for free. They are available every **Friday at 7pm for 48 hours**. Follow the link to have a look: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmPjhKMaXNNeCr1FjuMvag>

Every **Monday at 6pm**, @1Xtra are launching 'The Inspire ME Masterclasses' on Insta Live. These sessions will give an insight into music and broadcasting and are a chance for young creatives to ask questions on Instagram Live to industry experts and artists: <https://t.co/Xtyhhkk6Lf>

Drama

The National Theatre are streaming plays for free on their you tube channel. These plays will be available every week on **Thursday at 7pm**. Follow the link to see what play is being streamed this week: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUDq1XzCY0NIOYVJvEMQjqw>

Mrs Brown and Miss Emery are regularly updating our website with all the Performing Arts award winners each week, check out the 'News' section on www.oasisacademylisterpark.org to see our winners.



Safeguarding Awareness

During this difficult time we hope that you and your families are safe and well. Please make sure that you follow the steps below to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you do go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.

Stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need any support please contact Mrs Malik on 07971487677 or Mr Taylor on 07487639925.

If you are suffering from any bereavement/separation and loss or any other emotional symptoms, please contact Mrs Wainwright on 07970963838.

If your personal details change, such as your address or telephone number, please notify the Academy immediately at admin@oasislisterpark.org

Listen Life: from the students

Should Schools Reopen?

For many students, the reopening of schools is urgent and needs to be done as soon as is possible. Personally, I am all for the reopening of schools to be done in the hopeful near-future. In an ideal world, this would be a perfect opportunity to assess the ability of each student in an end of year assessment and give them individually tailored lessons and criteria to meet their needs in lieu of the regular lessons – extra lesson for weaker subjects.

It would be a perfect opportunity for students who are anxious about their GCSEs to receive not only some motivation but, also, resources in order to prepare them for their next academic year, resources that they could use throughout the summer holidays. Additionally, it would be an excellent opportunity to brief students on the next phase of what the school plans to do to combat the difficulty around completing the syllabus and reassuring them of their worries. Time like this is much needed and would be very highly valued by both students and teachers. Also, there is the case of students getting to see their friends, some of whom they may not meet in the holidays and also, some would like to see their teachers and say goodbye to them and give their own personal thanks.

However, this is all in an ideal world and many issues and factors obstruct this ideal scenario. Firstly, schools must be able to ensure that transport around the school remains contactless – a near impossible task. Secondly, some teachers succumb to the virus much easier than the pupils and there will need to be adequate protection for these teachers, which seems highly unlikely. Thirdly, there has been no significant decrease in cases, which means that opening schools risks a second peak – truly the worst case scenario.

Whilst there are many beneficial consequences of schools opening, there are also many logistical problems that must be worked out before schools can truly reopen. Opening schools too early risks, not only the pupils and teachers safety, but also the health of the wider public.

So, I propose the question to you, is two weeks of education worth risking your health?

Atyab Mohammed

Student Thoughts

“Frankly, I don’t believe that schools should be reopening at the moment, there are too many dangers out there still, but I do believe that personally, I would benefit from it” – Malika Mahmood

“Schools shouldn’t reopen too early because they risk loads of peoples health but I do think that it would help me a lot if I could go back” – Mohammed Burhaan

“A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime”

“After autistic Christopher finds a murdered dog in his front garden, he decides to investigate, uncovering more than he expected”

What an absolutely endearing story! I wouldn’t call this a book, I would more so call this a story, but what a bloody fabulous story it is. It is so charming and the main character is likeable that you immediately are just gripped, I found myself reading 100+ pages on end and having to settle down in fear that I would complete it too quickly. I felt every emotion that I was supposed to feel and was actually shocked at some of the twists – a truly fabulous thriller and I would definitely recommend to all audiences.

Get Involved

Contributions towards the talent show are still open, so this would be an excellent opportunity for people who are willing try something new and move outside of their comfort zone. Just film your act and send it to me or Mrs Brown to be featured.

Teacher Appreciation

A massive thank you towards all the teachers who are tirelessly working to make sure that their students are receiving a quality education, even in these circumstances. On behalf of me and all my fellow students, I would like to say a massive thank you for being so generous and caring and we want to let you know that we genuinely appreciate you.