

9th November 2020

A Message From Our Leadership Team

As we head into another national lockdown with more government restrictions, I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We are working hard in the academy to keep our school community as safe as possible for our students and staff; we thank you for your support in adapting to our new routines.

Whilst we would want every student to be in the academy as much as possible, you will know that we have had to ask some year groups to work from home at times this year - unfortunately, this is a feature of school life during the pandemic. We are making sure we provide good quality home learning through Microsoft Teams lessons and workbooks to any students who have to work from home. Lessons will often be delivered live and, where this isn't possible, resources will be provided either online or in paper form.

Please continue to encourage students in their work at home. Our subject teachers are available by email if you have any queries about the work and we are only too happy to help.

Mr Wrangles

Deputy Principal



Keep Updated

We regularly update our website and social media pages with any new information. Click the links below and follow us:



<https://www.facebook.com/oasislisterpark>



<https://twitter.com/OasisListerPark>

Student Support

How are we keeping your children safe in school?

With our one way system, PPE, adjusted academy day and sanitising stations, we have been working hard to ensure every precaution has been taken to make the academy as safe as possible for both students and staff.



Extra Curricular Activities

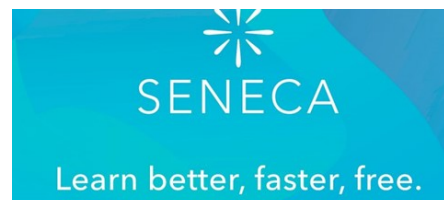
Take advantage of all the extra curricular activities our academy has to offer. Click here to view our activity timetables for more information: <https://www.oasisacademylisterpark.org/curriculum/extra-curricular-clubs>



Attention Year 9, 10 and 11 Humanities Students!

If you are studying History or Geography, you need to get logged on to Seneca Learning. This is a powerful online revision tool that is linked directly to your GCSE course. All you need is your school email address and the class code that your teacher has given to you, then you will be able to complete the online revision and homework with your class!

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>



Are you self isolating?

Don't miss out on school work if you have been asked to self isolate. Your teachers are uploading work on Microsoft Teams and you can access all your work by logging onto MS Teams from the internet. All you need is your school username and password to log in. If you need help with your work, you can email your class teacher using your school email via webmail. If you don't have a computer or laptop at home to work from, we may be able to loan a device if we have any available. Otherwise you will receive a paper pack of work to do whilst self isolating. Please contact the academy if you don't have any work to do on 01274 362050 or email admin@oasislisterpark.org

If you have any IT related problems, please email servicedesk@oasisuk.org



Meet Our Year Leaders

Year 7

Year 7 have made a fantastic start with us! I am Mrs Mackenzie-Jones and as Year 7 Achievement Leader I just wanted to say how very proud I am of the great start our new Year 7s have made with us here at OALP. Our Year 7 students are quickly adapting to secondary school life, are getting used to our rules and routines, settling in nicely, and are still managing to smile lots too (despite this being strange times for us all). Well done Year 7! Keep up the great effort and keep on getting those positive behaviour points. If parents or carers wish to contact myself or Mrs Arshad (Year 7 Year Leader) directly, please call on the academy number or email us directly using the email addresses below.



Mrs Mackenzie-Jones (Achievement Leader for Year 7) - sylvana.mackenzie-jones@oasislisterpark.org

Mrs Arshad (Year Leader) - memuhna.arshad@oasislisterpark.org

Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and thank you for the huge effort made by all to return to school after such a long time away. Mrs Majid and I will do all we can to support your child and you throughout the year. Our priority is to ensure every child is safe, attending lessons and accesses learning. If you need any support or have any concerns for your child please don't hesitate to contact us either on the academy number or email us directly using the email addresses below. Working together we will ensure your child has a great experience at school and a successful year.

We politely ask that all parents and carers ensure your child has a bag, PE kit, stationery and mask when coming to school - these are the basic requirements. Please also note that energy drinks are not allowed in school and will be confiscated if seen. It is vital that your child is having breakfast before coming to school or they can attend our free breakfast club (details of which can be found at the end of this newsletter).

Our Year 8 student ties are orange; if your child requires a replacement tie please send £5 into school with your child and they will be able to purchase this from student reception or from Mrs Majid. All students must also be wearing black shoes that can be polished - trainers are not allowed. We really appreciate your support in helping us by ensuring your child is getting the basics correct.

Mrs Aslam (Achievement Leader for Year 8) – raheela.aslam@oasislisterpark.org

Mrs Majid (Year Leader) – iram.majid@oasislisterpark.org

Year 9

Hi my name is Mr Slack and I am the Achievement Leader for Year 9 and also the Head of PE. I have been at the school now for 12 years and a major reason for me still being here is the relationships that I have developed with students, staff and families in the community. School should be the best and most important time of a child's life and my aim as Achievement Leader for Year 9 is to assist in this and help to develop the person as a whole.

Email: karl.slack@oasislisterpark.org



Year 10

Hi! My name is Miss Brown and I am the new pastoral, attendance and achievement Year Leader for Year 10. I am very much looking forward to becoming a firm member of the Oasis family and I am already overwhelmed with what an amazing school it is to be a part of!

Email: olivia.brown@oasislisterpark.org



Year 11



My name is Mr Lafferty and I am the Achievement Leader for Year 11, as well as being a PE teacher in the academy. I have been Achievement Leader for our current Year 11 cohort now for 4 years and have loved every challenge and success story that has been thrown my way. I am passionate about holding high expectations, but more importantly the pastoral care of every single student I oversee and I will do everything I can to send this cohort out to the world of work as well-rounded citizens.

Email: steven.lafferty@oasislisterpark.org

Post 16

I am proud to be the head of a fantastic Post 16 and Assistant Principal at Oasis Academy Lister Park. You are all incredible individuals and I am really looking forward to working closely with you and your families on this journey you are on. Together we will strive for excellence, work hard to achieve success whilst encompassing the academy's habits to become kind, compassionate, considerate young adults. I will support and guide you in making the right decisions for your future and will do what I can to ensure you are ready for the next leg of your journey be it University, an apprenticeship or employment.

Email: maryam.mahmood3@oasislisterpark.org



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Breakfast Club

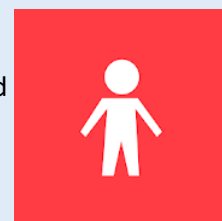
Our breakfast club takes place everyday in the canteen before school, from 7:30am to 8:30am. A selection of hot beverages (tea, coffee and hot chocolate), bagels and cereals are available free of charge to all our students.



My Child At School (MCAS) App

This September we have introduced MCAS, an app and internet-based service that gives you more information about your child's progress, behaviour and attendance, keeps you up-to-date with school news and will allow you to pay for school meals and trips online safely and securely. The app will allow you to see how many rewards your child is receiving, keep a track of their daily attendance and instantly access school letters and communications.

A letter has been sent home with your child with more information.



Safeguarding Message

How have YOU been lately?

I would like to reach out to our Oasis parent/carers. I am aware that unfortunately many of you will have recently experienced different mixed emotions during the current pandemic. As part of my wellbeing role within school, it is my duty of care to listen and support you during this difficult time.

When it comes to personal emotions, it can be hard to recognise or even admit that we're not feeling 100%. Throughout the pandemic many people have suffered the following –

- Death/loss of a family member or friend
- Social isolation
- Anxiety/panic
- Lack of sleep
- Financial worries
- Fear of the unknown

If you feel like you may need emotional support, please don't hesitate to contact me on thehopecentre@oasislisterpark.org. This is not a time to be judged and sometimes the only medicine we need is to rationalise our thoughts and a nice cup of tea. Keep smiling.

Miss Kelly Handley

Head of Inclusion and Wellbeing

Student Attendance

90% attendance over five years of secondary school is equal to **half** a year of school missed. This is less time to meet friends, join clubs, go on trips and will result in less qualifications. Only take days off for **genuine** illness.

If you or someone in your home has COVID-19 symptoms, click here to view our quick absence guide: <https://www.oasisacademylisterpark.org/community/covid-19-support-and-guidance>



If your personal details change, such as your address or telephone number, please notify the academy immediately on 01274 362050.