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25th March 2021

A message from our Leadership Team

Welcome to the final edition of Lister Life for the Spring Term. On 8th March we welcomed all our students back in to school after the ongoing lockdown which began in January. How wonderful it has been to see all the students back in the academy; the buzz around the corridors, the smiles in the classrooms and the laughter in the playground are sounds I will never, ever take for granted again. As ever, I have to take time to praise our amazing staff who have worked tirelessly in very difficult circumstances to make sure that all our students continue to have access to the best learning possible. As a staff body we strive to live up to our aim: **To deliver the best possible education, care and support to all our young people so that they may go on to live happy, healthy and successful lives.**

We have been so impressed by all of our students who have taken part in the lateral flow testing programme as part of the return. All of our young people have been respectful of the rules in place and have taken the process really seriously. I am very grateful to parents for all the support you have given to us in ensuring that the return to school can be as safe as possible. Whilst we understand that wearing masks nearly full time in school is far from ideal, all staff and students have just accepted and got on with it as we know this is what is required of us at the moment.

I want to also take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mr McVeigh-Kaye who leaves our English department after his one year secondment and returns back to his previous school in North Yorkshire, and to Ben Rollinson, our Data Coordinator who moves on to a new role in Leeds. Thank you for everything and we wish you much success as you move on to ventures new.

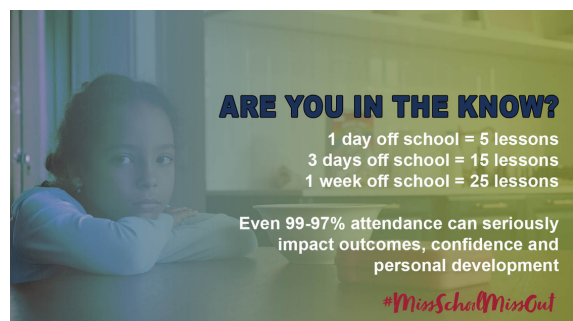
Despite having only been back in the academy for three weeks we have achieved so much as a school community. Learning has gone back in to the classroom and students have had the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of activities. We had a non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief, a variety of REACH days including the Year 9 STEM day and the Year 10 tolerance day, we have run Maths Master Classes, Cambridge University workshops, student leadership meetings and started our Community Hub Council group. As well as this we have welcomed both our Regional and National Directors from Oasis into Lister Park and they have been overwhelmed by the positivity and vibrancy of the academy. They have seen first-hand how the Oasis culture and character runs through all we do.

On Tuesday 23rd March everyone in the academy stopped to take the time to reflect on the past 12 months as part of the National Day of Reflection. Students wrote down a message or thought and these will be collected and put together as a whole school display within the academy.

I hope that you and your families are well, I think of you often as I know how difficult the past year has been for us all in our community. Many of us have lost loved ones and many of us continue to struggle with the mental and physical challenges which face us every day. If you feel you are struggling I ask that you reach out to us as a school, we are here to care and support each and everyone of our families and I need you to know you are not alone.

Have a peaceful Easter break and I look forward to welcoming all our students back on Monday the 12th April 2021.

Mrs Dover – Principal



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Which weighs more:
sixteen ounces of soda or a pound of solid gold?

Can you solve our Maths puzzle? Email Mr Ishaq to receive your reward!

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Oasis Lockdown Music Competition

The following students entered the Music Lockdown Competition and have been nominated to compete in the OCL Music Competition against members of all Oasis Academies. Look out for the entries on the school website.

The results will be announced on Friday 12th March 2021.

Subhan Khalil
Halima Zaheer
Tayeb Hussain
Yusuf Hussain
Zaviyaar Parvez



National Day of Reflection

On Tuesday 23rd March, we joined millions of others across the country in observing a minutes silence, to take a moment to reflect on our collective loss, stand with those who've been bereaved and hope for a brighter future.

Extra Curricular Activities

It has been great to see our students back at extra-curricular clubs this term! They have been extremely enthusiastic about clubs following their student voice. There has been a lot of positivity in PE and the conversations students are having about sport is incredible. Extra-curricular activities will continue running after half term and it will be Week B clubs - [click here to view](#). Students can come for any amount of time and can leave at any point. If there is anything you would like to see being offered please speak to your PE Teacher.

Safeguarding Message

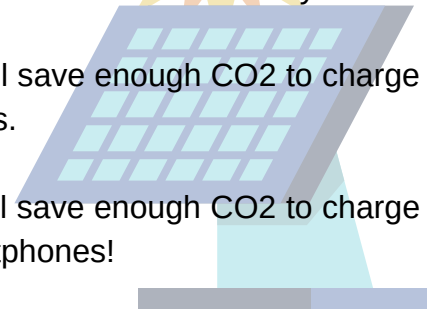
We understand this is a difficult time for many families in our community. We regularly update our website with contact details for agencies that can help you with your mental health, foodbanks and many other types of support. For more information, please contact the academy by phone or email.

Solar Panel Installation

Oasis Community Learning have been working alongside Eden Sustainable Group to provide our academy with its very own, free solar power plant for 25 years! The installation of 789 panels will begin on 29th March and take 10 days.

In one year, we will save enough CO2 to charge **5,407** smartphones.

In 25 years, we will save enough CO2 to charge **116,852,233** smartphones!



British Science Week 2021

This term included British Science Week and students were able to learn about science careers, take part in competitions and speak to our alumni in Science careers, as well as having a Q&A about vaccines. We also had a REACH day for Year 9, where students were able to learn about artificial intelligence and virtual reality (VR).

The theme for British Science Week is '*innovating for the future*'. If you have an idea you would like to share on how we can design a better future for the world, submit a poster for the national competition. Contact Miss Ahmed for more information.

