



# Oasis Academy Lister Park Newsletter

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## Message from the Leadership Team

Welcome back to our monthly edition of Lister Life. It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 students into Team Lister Park and I am most impressed with how they have settled in during their first four weeks of secondary school. As myself and the leadership team go around the academy visiting lessons we continue to be proud of the learning we see and the efforts put in by students. Our Year Group Learning (YGL) sessions every morning have a focus on helping our students to remember more through using the look, cover, write, check strategy, and our Pause And Read Quietly (PARQ) strategy done every day for 30 minutes is supporting our students with improving their literacy skills.

As the weather gets cooler, please can we remind students to wear a jumper under their blazer if they feel the cold as coats and outdoor jackets are not permitted inside the academy. Please be reassured that the heating is put on every morning at 5:30am to ensure the building is warm.

I would also like to remind parents and carers to familiarise themselves with all our policies, particularly those around attendance, behaviour, uniform and mobile devices. If you have any questions about these, please contact the academy for clarification.

I wish you all a successful few weeks and hope you enjoy reading all about the activities our students have been involved in this month.

Siân Dover  
Principal





## Message for Year 7

Year 7 have made an excellent start to the year at OALP. When I have visited lessons, students are on task and producing some amazing work.

We have had a REACH day on diversity and equality, which the students took a really active part in. It was interesting to hear their thoughts on such important issues, and they showed real maturity and compassion throughout.

There were also lots of Year 7 students who took part in the Year 6 open evening, helping different departments. They were so helpful and polite and I was very proud of them!

So far, Year 7 students have managed to achieve over 5000 positive points between them.

Year 7 Shout-Outs – massive congratulations to the following 3 students who managed to achieve 70+ positive points since the start of school!

First Name	Last Name	Tutor Group	Sum of Points
Muhammed	Hanzala	7S	72
Mahir	Khan	7S	71
Zakir	Adam	7S	70



Megan Daly  
Head of Year 7



## Message for Year 8

Year 8 have settled into school life exceptionally well since the start of September. All the students are showing excellent progress within their lessons and have taken it upon themselves to set an excellent example to the new year 7 students by showcasing exemplary work ethic and behaviour within the academy.

### Flamingo Land

The year 8 students took advantage of a fantastic day at Flamingo Land for the end of year rewards trip. 100 students from year 8 attended the trip and it was great to see the students having lots of fun outside of the academy; it was a great way to celebrate the success of the last academic year.

More trips and exciting opportunities are in the pipeline, and we encourage all students to take part and enjoy all our out of school rewards.

### Year 8 Football Fixtures

Year 8 football fixture start this week with games against the following schools:

Dixons Macmillan  
Hanson Academy  
Bradford Academy  
Bradford Forster Academy  
Beckfoot Thornton  
Coop Academy Grange

If your son/daughter would be interested in playing football for school, please ask them to speak to Mr Hartley.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for your ongoing and continued support. As always, if you need anything at all, please contact the school and ask for Mr Hartley (Head of year 8) or Mr Ahmed (Assistant Head of year 8).

Mr Hartley  
Head of Year 8



## Message for Year 9

### **Welcome back Year 9!**

You have made a great start back this year so far Year 9! You have embraced the jump from Year 8 into 9 in a very mature and sensible manner. You appear ready to learn and step up to the academic challenge that this year (and beyond) will bring. I have been particularly impressed with your commitment and hard work in the year group learning sessions since we started back. You understand the importance of these, putting in full effort and making the links to your lesson content, which is fantastic! Well done everyone so far. I am really proud of you all.

### **Kristian Dobroky 9P Joyful**

Kristian, you are always pleasant and such a joy to chat to. You really do cheer everyone up.

Mrs Mackenzie-Jones  
Head of Year 9

## Message for Year 10

Year 10 have made a great start to the year. It has been great seeing students return with a positive attitude and being so interested in the choice of subjects they have made. This year is very important, and it is imperative that all students focus and concentrate to ensure they have the best possible start to their GCSE studies.

There are over 60 students with 100% attendance in year 10. Well done to all these students. In assemblies and during year group learning, students are regularly told about the importance of attendance and how this impacts on their grades. Please help your child attend school everyday so they are not missing out on vital education that will impact their outcomes at the end of year 11.

Year 10 shout outs:

Well done to Blessing Antoine for achieving the highest positive points so far.

Mrs Aslam  
Head of Year 10



## Message for Year 11

Year 11 have had a really positive and productive start to their studies this academic year.

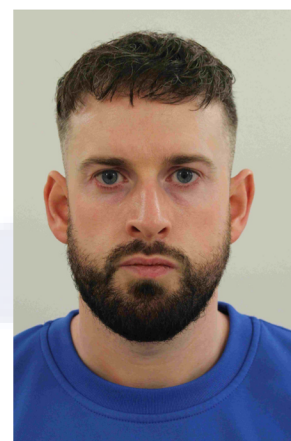
A number of teaching staff have commented on how focussed students have been and the progress made in lesson time has been incredible.

We have 2 football fixtures confirmed so far for the Year 11 boys. Thursday 13th October sees them travel away to Dixons City Academy and Thursday 20th October will see them face Immanuel Academy at home.

We also had some students chosen in the academy for a planned photoshoot, with Liva Jegi, Mariss Jegi, Awais Khan, Khadija Master and Farhan Miah being chosen to represent Year 11. We look forward to seeing them in the prospectus, showing what excellent young people we have at Oasis Lister Park.

We look forward to a tough but exciting year ahead for our Year 11 students. 2 key dates to look out for: Monday 31st October sees the start of the Year 11 mock exams. Year 11 Parents Evening then follows these on Tuesday 6th December.

Mr Lafferty  
Head of Year 11





## Message for Post 16

Welcome back to all our year 13 students and a warm welcome to all our new year 12s. An excellent start to the year demonstrating our habits of being professional, learning actively, showing ultimate respect and serving the community. The post 16 team are really excited for the new year and look forward to seeing you all be successful in your pathways.

### September edition shout outs:

#### Year 12

Arslan Imtiaz 12S - Excellent attitude and 100% attendance

Jabed Siddique 12S – Proactive attitude towards his learning and future plans. 100% attendance.

#### Year 13

Tamanna Begum 13T – 100% attendance. Excellent attitude towards learning and supporting the school community.

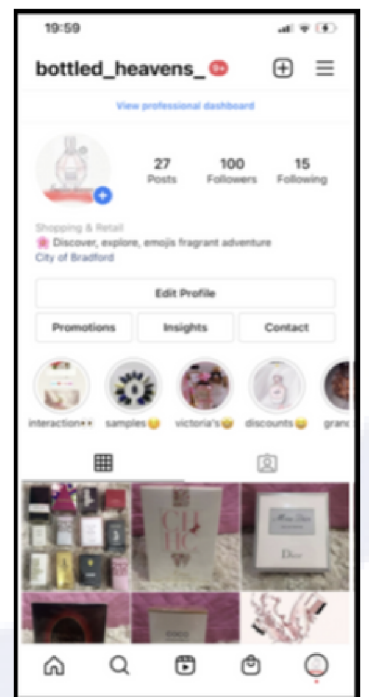
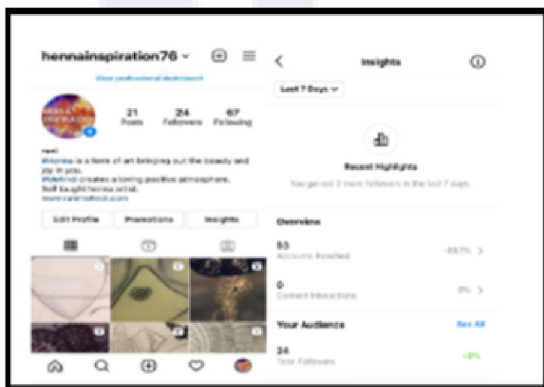
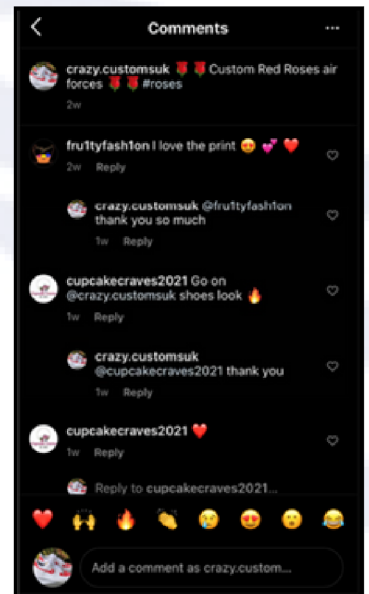


Mrs Mahmood  
Head of Post 16

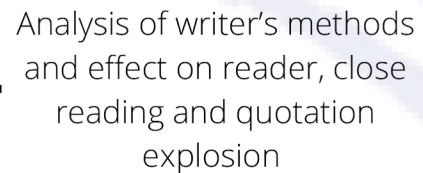
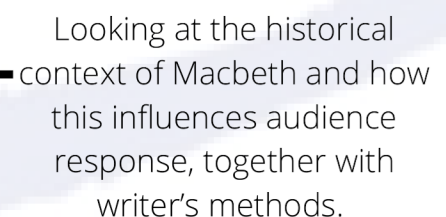


## ICT Students Turned Business Entrepreneurs

Level 3 BTEC ICT students have been showing off their ICT and business skills by setting up online businesses on social media. The mandatory unit "Social Media in Business" allowed students to plan, create, monitor, and evaluate online businesses. They were able to efficiently communicate with clients, carry out effective research on how businesses can use social media, learn how Instagram can be used to promote products and services and then use their expertise and skills to create professional looking business pages. These transferable skills are most certainly going to help our students become successful young entrepreneurs. Watch this space!



In Year 10, we are studying William Shakespeare's Macbeth. This is a set text that will form part of the GCSE English Literature examination. Students are encouraged to become critical thinkers and applying knowledge learnt to create independent written responses. Tazkiya Tasneem in 10S completed some excellent work on this text. Well done Tazkiya!

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Mrs Hussain-Hewitt

## From Personal Development

Students have had an exciting start to the year covering PHSE an hour a week with their classroom teachers. Student learning is not purely academic, but also includes how they develop as young people and become active and responsible citizens.

Year 7 have been learning about relationships, focussing on transition and developing friendships in a secondary environment.

Year 8 have been focussing on fundamental issues of inequality within society which also links to what they are currently covering in English and geography.

Year 9 have been discussing money management: budgeting, credit, accounts, good and bad debt and the impact finances can have on mental health.

Year 10 are currently focused on healthy and unhealthy relationships, abusive relationships, the law, honour based violence & coercive control.

Year 11 have been focused on consent in relation to drugs and alcohol, boundaries, unhealthy relationships, myths around relationships and diversity in relationships. We have had some very engaging lessons where both staff and students are learning about fundamental issues in a friendly but professional environment.

Mrs Shaheen  
Head of RE and PSHCE



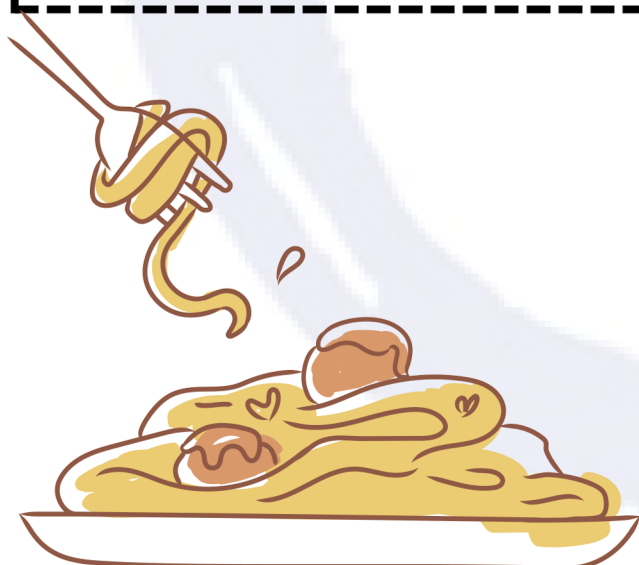
## DT & Art



Art Club starts next Wednesday 5th after school in G09 with Miss Herbert & Mrs Mackenzie-Jones. This is primarily for year 11 students to improve coursework, but there will also be a different half-termly focus for students of any other year group to come along



Cooking Club will run on Wednesday after school with Miss Day, to begin after half term. Open to all year groups. Please speak to Mrs Day in advance so we can get an idea of numbers and to order enough ingredients.



## Careers

### Upcoming Event



The Sky Up Academy will be visiting our Academy on 17th October. Sky's extraordinary e-vehicle will be based in the Mogul Gardens and will open up as a creative studio, bringing the opportunity of Sky Academy Studios to KS3 students (Years 7 - 9) from all backgrounds.

Working collaboratively, students will develop their digital skills and forge a better future by devising a #GoZero media campaign for "The Daily Climate Show". They will learn how to shape stories for different platforms, using the pop-up photography studio or a hi-tech digital media suite inside the e-vehicle.

The experience will be set up and take place on the school site over a week, working with two groups of approximately 30 students per day; one session in the morning, and one in the afternoon. This means in one week an entire year group will participate and work with Sky's cutting edge technology.



Mr Griffith  
Assistant Principal

## Sport

Extra-curricular activities have started really well and attendance is increasing in all of our clubs. Well done to those students that have attended so far this year, especially to the 33 Year 7 boys that attended the football club on Thursday. We have listened to your views from our student survey and have now changed the extra-curricular programme to meet the needs of you, the students. Please look at the new timetable and attend as many clubs as possible. You do not need a letter and the clubs start at 3pm and finish at 4pm. If you need to leave any club early, that is ok. Please just attend for as long as you can.

Between now and the end of term, we have over 20 fixtures arranged in a variety of different sports in all year groups so please get involved wherever you can.

### PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Badminton</b> <u>Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13</u> Girls and Boys Sports Hall	<b>Bradford Dragons Basketball</b> <u>Years 8 Boys</u> Sports Hall	<b>Football</b> <u>Year 7, 8, 9 and 10</u> Girls Sports Hall	<b>Volleyball</b> <u>Year 8, 9, 10 and 11</u> Girls and Boys Sports Hall	<b>Boxing – with Byron</b> <u>Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13</u> Girls and Boys Sports Hall
<b>Netball</b> <u>Year 7, 8 and 9</u> Girls Sports Hall		<b>Basketball</b> <u>Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11</u> Girls and Boys Sports Hall	<b>Football</b> <u>Year 7</u> Boys Field / Yard	<b>Football</b> <u>Year 7, 8, 9 and 10</u> Boys Field / Yard
				<b>Gymnastics and Dance</b> <u>Year 7, 8 and 10</u> Girls Sports Hall

Thanks

Karl Slack



# Attendance Matters!

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to doing well at school. It will set students up for good routines later in life and the working world, provide opportunities to socialise and feel included, learn new things, develop skills, increase confidence and self-esteem, as well as reaching their potential and fulfilling aspirations. Students who have good attendance will be eligible to take part in rewards events, attendance celebrations and prize draws throughout the academic year.

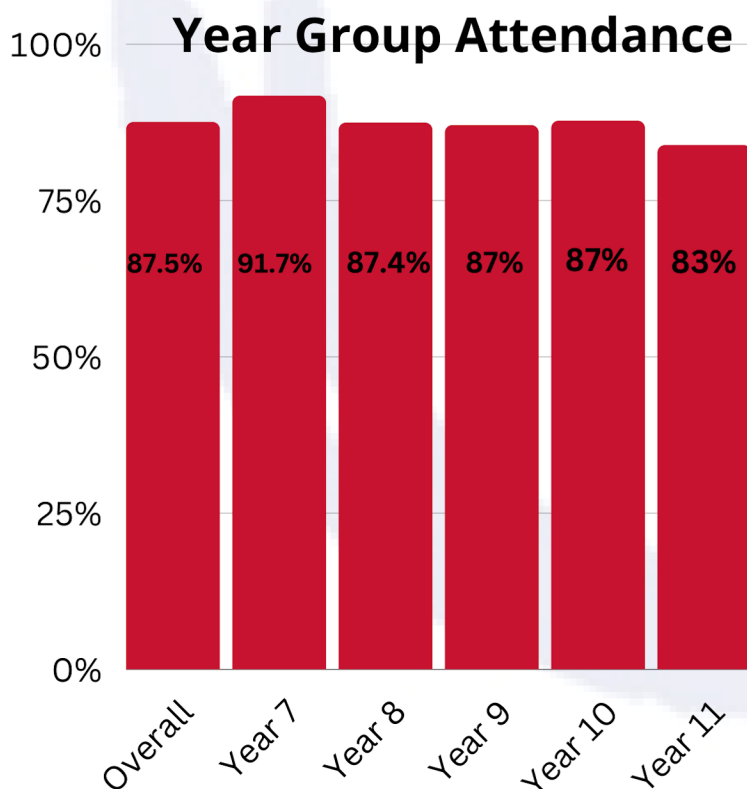
Attendance of 90% is the equivalent of 19 days absent per year, and missing just 19 days of school per year (attendance of 90%) equals one GCSE grade dropped on average.

In a recent study, students who did not achieve grade 9 to 4 in English and maths had an overall absence rate of 8.8% ( or attendance of 91.2%).

At Oasis Lister Park, we expect students to achieve at least 96% attendance. We thank parents/carers who encourage their children to attend school every day.

## Year Group Attendance Competitions and Rewards

We're working on some exciting attendance initiatives this year to reward those who attend school every day – further announcements will be made in assembly.



## Top Weekly Attendance by Tutor Group

### Week Commencing 19/9/22:

7L, Y8 Nurture group, 9R, 10P

### Week Commencing 26/9/22:

7L, 8L, Y8 Nurture Group, 9R, Y9 Nurture Group, 10S

Enjoy Your Treats!

# Attendance Shout Outs!

Congratulations to 346 students at Oasis Lister Park who have had full attendance since the start of this academic year.

The Attendance Team would also like to give a special mention to the following students who have shown real dedication to good attendance and punctuality during the new school year.

Faizan Hussain - Year 7

Muhammad Mujtaba - Year 9

Umar Malik - Year 11

Lukas Cervenak - Year 11

## Attendance Guidance and Monitoring

We would like to bring your attention to the new Local Authority guidance for attendance which can be found here <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-support-services/attendance/#:~:text=We%20may%20take%20you%20to,fined%20up%20to%20%C2%A31%2C000>. The guidance places clear emphasis on the need for all students to attend school every day and outlines the steps which must be taken where concerns arise. In line with this guidance, our updated attendance policy will be uploaded to our website soon. As part of our commitment to improving the attainment of our students, we monitor attendance on a regular basis. We identify any student whose attendance causes concern and if attendance continues to cause concern, we pass your child's details to Bradford Council's Attendance Improvement Team, who will contact you in due course.

The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression:

### **Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year**

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects in adult life. Students will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

### **95%: 10 days absence a year**

These students are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly, but are less likely to do as well as a child with 100% attendance. Students who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

### **90% and below: 19 days + absence a year**

The Government classes young people in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority



### **Attendance Support from BCL**

We're pleased to announce our partnership with BCL Consultancy Limited who will be supporting us to improve student attendance and punctuality, which will ensure students achieve exceptional outcomes that enabled them to have a happy, healthy and successful life.

BCL will be providing intensive family support, attendance monitoring, home welfare checks and many other positive interventions.

Please contact the Attendance Team if you feel your family would benefit from support.

### **School Bus Update and Travel Support**

Thank you to those that completed our school bus survey last term. As a school, we're committed to identifying and removing barriers to attendance, and recognise that transport to school is a concern for many of our families. We are hoping to be able to organise a school bus service in future, but this has not been confirmed yet.

Many of our students qualify for Statutory Free Travel. Further information and an application form can be found at:

<https://www.wymetro.com/schools/statutory-free-school-travel/free-school-travel-in-bradford/>

### **Student Voice Attendance Survey**

Thank you to the students who have completed the survey which was sent to their school email address on Monday 26th September. We're keen to hear students' opinions on school attendance and we plan use this research to form future attendance policies and practices. A parent/carer attendance survey will also be sent out shortly and we appreciate your support in completing this.

### **Reporting absences**

When an absence is unavoidable, please remember to notify school before 8:30am on each day of absence by phoning the absence line (01274 362050 option 1). Please clearly state your child's full name, tutor group and reason for absence. You can also report absences via the MCAS app.

Continued unexplained absences are treated as a safeguarding concern and a home visit will be carried out.

### **Unauthorised leave during term-time**

Holidays during term-time can have a negative impact on students' academic development. The school's attendance policy makes it clear that parents must seek permission in writing from the Principal in advance should they wish to take students out of school for a period of absence and that if the absence has not been authorised, a Penalty Notice will be issued against you. The Principal is only allowed to authorise a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. The Principal will decide what they believe is an exceptional circumstance, but a leave of absence for a holiday, a family occasion, or to visit family is likely to be "unauthorised". When a student is absent from school and the reason is unknown, schools are required to submit a Child Missing Education (CME) referral to the Local Authority which may result in the child being removed from the school's roll.

Please notify school in advance if you plan to take your child out of school during term-time.





Here is a link to all events in Bradford in October - <https://www.visitbradford.com/whats-on>

### Featured events

<https://allevents.in/bradford/family-fun-day/10000406203283957> - Family Fun Day

<https://allevents.in/bradford/bradford-health-and-social-care-careers-fair-and-meditech-expo/10000407461988777> - Health and Social Care Careers Fair at Bradford University

<https://allevents.in/bradford/digital-skills-fair/10000408485780967> - Digital skills fair



**Jack and the  
Beanstalk  
Year 7**  
Alhambra Theatre  
Bradford  
15th December 2022  
£18  
tickets are available  
on MYCAS



## Oasis Community Hub Lister Park

The past 3 months has been a brilliant showcase of Community Hub activity – here is a quick recap:

Peer mentoring lunchtime sessions: Bradford Youth Development Partnership (BYDP) have been running fantastic lunchtime sessions at the academy alongside the fabulous Oasis Mentors. The sessions are weekly, interactive and open to everyone. Do pop by and say hello.

### **Community Hairdressing:**

In July, a FREE Hairdressing course was delivered for local people to complete a hairdressing qualification. The sessions were innovative, fun and the participants loved it. We will be running another course soon that will be open to OALP families.

### **Community English Conversation Classes:**

Over the summer we have had the delight of meeting lots of new families where English is not their first language, we have supported them by running family English conversation classes where everyone practiced their English and enjoyed learning together.

### **Food Parcels:**

The wonderful team at SHAPE UK LTD have been delivering food parcels to many local families over the summer months and will continue to do so throughout the year. If your family would like to receive food parcels then do get in touch and the team will provide parcels for you.

### **Summer School:**

BYDP ran a fantastic summer school for 4 weeks with 40 young people per day. Activities included: bowling, karate, ice-skating and a trip to Lightwater Valley! Many of the young people have now started at Oasis in Year 7. We welcome them and their families to Lister Park.

### **North Avenue Youth Centre (NAYC):**

This summer saw the start of NAYC activity at Oasis – weekly sports sessions for the under 16s and under 12s took place, enabling young from the local area to enjoy a summer of sports and fitness training. Great work to everyone involved in making it happen.

We are looking for students, parents and members of the wider community to volunteer to support Hub activity this year.

There are lots of exciting opportunities available. Do get in touch with Jade for more details: [jade.lbegbuna@oasislisterpark.org](mailto:jade.lbegbuna@oasislisterpark.org)





## Wellbeing of Oasis Lister Park

The OALP Wellbeing group have collaborated with a local car wash company – Happy Car Wash, a Bradford based company who have expanded into Manchester and Oldham. Every month up to 20 members of staff take advantage of the discounted car valeting services they provide.

Principal Siân Dover says,

As part of our staff wellbeing we are trying to think 'outside the box' to help make our staff's lives a little easier. Driving home in a freshly valeted car not only saves staff time from having to wash it themselves but means they drive away feeling that little bit pampered. One member of staff said, 'I felt like a princess getting into my car when someone else had done all the hard work!'. I would like to thank The Happy Car Wash for giving our staff this pleasure.



## Safeguarding and support

As a safeguarding team we aim to provide a safe environment for our students to learn in. We want to make sure that our students remain safe, at home as well as within school. If you need to talk, we are here to listen. If you are worried about something, you can talk to an adult in the school. We think it is important for you to know where to get help:

Mrs Malik – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Dyer- Safeguarding Officer

Miss Diaz- Safeguarding Officer

Miss Currer- Safeguarding Officer

Mr Iqbal- Safeguarding Officer

Mr Morris - Academy Counsellor



The Safer Schools App is our school's **digital safeguarding communication and training toolkit**. It has been designed by safeguarding professionals to help make our entire school community safer online. Our online contextual safeguarding information is tailored to specific roles providing your school with access to **contemporary, credible and relevant content**. The Safer School's App will help you educate, empower and protect our entire school community. Please download today to get access to support and guidance around all matters to do with online safety and protecting your children from potential threats online.

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### Login to your App

1. Once you have scanned the barcode and downloaded the APP select your school from the dropdown menu and click '**continue**'.
2. Enter the four-digit entry code **7675**