



4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

Here we are approaching Easter, Christmas seems such a long time ago.

The Academy has continued to improve in areas, we still have a long way to go. I am very thankful for families who are supportive of what the Academy is trying to do in raising high expectations and standards in our students' education; this is something that is not going to change overnight, it is a longer term response.

We have had much to be thankful for this last two terms even though Covid has made its return. Due to the precautions of families and the Academy the infection rate has meant we have remained open although this has been a challenge at times particularly with staffing.

There have been some wonderful highlights over the last few months. One of which more recently has been the Options evening where we saw a large number of Year 9 families interacting with our staff, discussing and considering their options for their son or daughters' journey in September, as they begin Year 10.

There have been many visits arranged over the last term including to a London Charlton football match, a number of theatre trips to see a variety of shows and a rewards trip to Ninja Warrior UK, with others planned for the summer term which I am delighted to see to give our young people the opportunity to widen their horizons.

Another significant impact has been the Sixth Form interviews for September 2022. As an Academy we have spent some time considering the current curriculum offer and have adapted in consultation with students to provide a broader offer in both academic and vocational subjects. This appears to have hit the mark as we have well over 100 students already trying to secure places, including external candidates.

As we came to close on this term it was fantastic to see the rewards events taking place for students in all areas being rewarded, for doing the right thing at the right time of which there are many and this number is increasing on a weekly basis.

I would like to thank families, staff and students for your continued support as we drive expectations and standards so the Academy can become a Good Academy with all that this means. It is fantastic to work with such a dedicated staffing team and students who want the best for their lives, supported by so many families who want the best for their child. Together we will be able to make Oasis Isle of Sheppey Academy a fantastic place to be.

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I would like to share some of the challenges the Academy is facing which I believe families can support us with.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance is not where I would like it to be or should be and I simply ask for your support in making sure where at all possible your child attends school.

Where it is necessary for your son or daughter to attend a medical appointment, if possible, can this be made at the start or end of the day to enable your son and daughter to attend the Academy in the afternoon or if the morning vice versa.

Also, a reminder that any holidays booked in term time will be classed as unauthorised absence and only in exceptional circumstances will authorisation be granted. There is no doubt there is a strong correlation between great attendance and great academic outcomes. With the impact of Covid and lost learning time it is imperative students' attendance is at its highest.

### **Ready to learn**

Being equipped for each lesson has been a challenge. We have supported with every student in the Academy being given a fully equipped pencil case. It is the expectation each student brings this every day in their school bag, along with their iPad to the Academy. Unfortunately, on a large scale, this is not being done. Can I please ask for your support in ensuring your son/daughter has these items within their school bag every day, so they are able to progress in lessons and not be impeded by not having the right equipment.

### **Summer examination series**

Year 11 and 13 students have been working hard on their revision and exam techniques in order to get the best outcomes they possibly can. There will be some truly outstanding mock examinations completed over the last few weeks. With dedicated staff, students' application, attendance, lessons and interventions I am sure we will be celebrating some fantastic results in the summer. Where perhaps results are not where they should be for each student I would ask you as families to support the Academy in sending your son or daughter to the intervention sessions over the Easter Spring break and into the next term with the period six after school intervention sessions. These sessions will further support your son or daughter enriching the best possible progress.

As we embark upon the GCSE and post 16 exams, we will be making sure our students are fully prepared and are thankful for your support.

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### Breakfast at the Academy

I am pleased to announce as of **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be supporting students in making sure they are prepared and energised by restarting our breakfast offer. We have been working with **Magic Breakfast** and **Sodexo** to provide a range of options for breakfast served at the Academy from 7.50 to 8.20 am each day.

Through **Magic Breakfast**, bagels with a selection of toppings and choice of cereals will be available, free of charge.

Our catering provider, **Sodexo**, will be offering a number of saleable items including:

Toast	25p
Beans on Toast	55p
Cheese on Toast	65p
Hash Browns x 2	75p
Scrambled Egg on Toast	80p

The daily provision is being trialled at our Minster campus initially; with the offer being extended at our Sheerness campus, if the trial and take up is successful. During the trial, the Sheerness campus will continue to offer bagels each Friday.

ParentPay accounts will need to be credited for with additional funds if you would like your child to utilise the breakfast provision. Students with FSM entitlement will continue to utilise this provision for their lunch choices.

### Communication

We want to ensure communication is reaching home. Can we ask where an email address or mobile phone number is updated, please inform the Academy at the earliest opportunity so this can be updated on your child's school record. Please email [office@oasisisleofsheppey.org](mailto:office@oasisisleofsheppey.org), noting your child's name and year group/tutor group. If you are experiencing difficulties using the MyChildAtSchool app, again please inform us on the email noted so staff can support you with this.

### Staff Inset Training

Following the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April is a Staff Inset Training day. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

We wish you a restful Easter Spring break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Booth'.

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