

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER



OASIS ACADEMY ISLE OF SHEPPEY EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

REFLECTION – AUTUMN TERM 1:

We are nine weeks into an intensive period of work. We have accomplished a lot, equally recognise we still have a way to go in embedding systems, protocols, and expectations.

During the past term we have had students visit a variety of places including a residential visit to St. Omer by the Modern Foreign Language dept which was a great success and there is appetite already for next year. Our Bridge students have been to London for the day for an exhibition experience.

We are journeying through the Post Ofsted plan and it has been great to have the support of families at our Parents' Forum in October where we are listening and working together on various aspects of improving academy life of our students. We last looked at reporting progress of student learners and this was very valuable. It would be great to see more of you attend the next forum taking place on Tuesday, 6th December at 6pm. The focus for discussion will be communicated prior to the meeting. We hope in providing the discussion topic, parents and carers will be able to attend all or those they most would like to contribute to. As always, if you intend to join on December 6th, please email Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org, noting your child's name and year group.



We have made some strategic changes to the oversight of areas in the academy. Mr Fogg will now be based on the Minster campus with other members of the Leadership team being available on the Sheerness campus working with Years 7 and 8, Inspire and the Bridge provisions.

Please do use the year group emails should you want contact about any aspect.

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We already are planning for a variety of events in the academy including Remembrance day, Anti-bullying week, Men's Football World Cup as well as Christmas, so looking forward to the progress continuing that has been made.

PREPARING FOR THE AUTUMN AND WINTER

A reminder of the need to wear warm coats, full academy uniform and sensible black shoes or black style trainers.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th November	Flu Immunisations Year 7 to 9	Both campuses
Wednesday 30th November	Meet the Year 7 Tutors – appointments via SchoolCloud	Sheerness campus
Wednesday 11th January 2023	Year 11 Parents' evening – appointments via SchoolCloud	Minster campus
Wednesday 18th January 2023	Year 12+13 Parents' evening – appointments via SchoolCloud	Minster campus



ATTENDANCE

The impact of poor attendance upon children's education through lost learning is huge and parents/carers play a substantial role in ensuring that their child's attendance remains high.

As an academy, our recent GCSE results shows that good attendance is vital to a student's academic success. For the year 11 students who received their results in August 2022, those students who attended school for 90%+ (missed less than 8 days for the academic year) achieved four times better results than those who attended for less than 90% (19 days absence or more in a year).

For those who attended 70%-80% (or lower) the attainment gap was even bigger.



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We also know from the data this year that those that are present over 90% of the time achieve better than or equivalent to the national average GCSE results.

We would like to thank the many parents/carers who make sure their child attends school regularly and punctually. However, for a considerable number of students this is not the case. Currently, the average attendance is of serious cause for concern and we need your help. Since 6th September 2022 the overall attendance for the year 7-11 cohort stands at 84.8%. This is significantly below the national average for secondary schools at 94%. We need you to support us in improving this as we cannot do this on our own.

Year 7	92.7
Year 8	84.7
Year 9	82.9
Year 10	81.0
Year 11	81.5
Year 12	88.8
Year 13	88.6

In addition to our range of attendance rewards including 100% attendance club, individual and tutor group rewards, we have recently appointed youth and family support workers as part of the newly established Hub Support team at Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey. The team will be responsible for delivering a range of activities across Academy (Years 7-13) providing activities before, during and after school. Activities delivered by the team will include open access engagement, targeted mentoring (particularly linked to attendance and engaging afterschool and evening activities).

As an academy we will challenge absences, there will be more rigorous monitoring of absences, lateness and the associated learning that has been missed. We will request medical evidence if your child is poorly, or evidence of appointments. Without this, the absence will be unauthorised.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance, please contact the Head of Year who will be able to advise and support you as well as putting you in touch with other agencies should this be required.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality at Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey.

Best wishes,
Mr Booth

Executive Principal
Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey

