

# The Oldershaw Academy

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To all Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to wish each and every family a happy and restful Easter break. The spring term has been a really successful and productive term, you should be proud of your children. We would like to outline some of their successes:

Oldershaw enters its Centenary Year in 2020 and we are delighted with the exceptional increase in pupil numbers over the past 3 years. Recruitment has resulted in pupils joining us from all areas of the Wirral but we are particularly proud to serve the Wallasey community. The Academy is oversubscribed for September 2019 with a long waiting list.

One of the highlights of the term was our amazing production "Grease the Musical" which was shown on three nights with the opening night being attended by The Deputy Mayor of Wirral. Over 400 local Primary pupils attended a special performance in March which was very well received. The acting, singing and dancing was extremely professional and complemented by a wonderful set. The performing arts, music and art departments all contributed to a show piece event. Every single pupil and member of staff involved is to be congratulated.

We are thrilled that staff have organised so many trips to enhance pupils' learning and educational experience at Oldershaw. The History visit to Poland plus Erasmus visits to Denmark, France and the imminent visit to New York are outstanding examples of extra curricula activities to benefit our students educational experience. We would also like to mention the activity trip to Holland which takes place during the Easter holidays for over 70 students. It is a credit to the staff that they are so willing to give up their free time to support such worthwhile experiences for pupils.

Academically, we have been very impressed with pupils in all year groups. We would particularly like to congratulate Year 11 and Year 13 for their application and level of work to improve their GCSE & A level grades throughout the term. We encourage them to take advantage of the Easter School programme over the holidays and hope they are able to achieve the highest grades possible in the up and coming examination season.

We would like to thank parents and carers who came to the Parents' Evenings throughout the term. Pupils achieve best when we work in partnership and we would request parents continued support with the following standards:

As one of our three core values, we want every student to take **Pride** in being an Oldershaw student, which they can show in the quality of their school uniform.

Can all parents please support us in ensuring that, now the worst of the weather is behind us, you send your children to school in full uniform including black leather-type school shoes, blazer and tie. If it's chilly, children can wear a grey, non-branded V-neck jumper. While we would always encourage children to wear a coat for school during inclement weather, can we remind parents that coats must not be worn inside the classroom at any time. We are determined to support Healthy Lifestyles for your children and parents can help by supporting us by ensuring that they attend PE lessons with full sports kit and a reminder that all fizzy drinks (including Lucozade) are banned at Oldershaw.

As our mission of **Nurturing Happiness and Academic Success** suggests, everything we do is focused on children's learning. To that end it is essential they are properly organised for school. Could you please therefore ensure your child has an Oldershaw bag (available from Wirral Uniform Centre in Birkenhead), their school planner to record homework and a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber (preferably in a pencil case). Without these items crucial learning time can be easily disrupted and your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

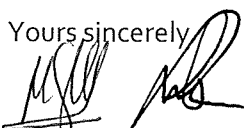
Please be aware that the government sets a very stringent minimum attendance target of 96% for all students. That equates to less than one day off per half term. Poor attendance and punctuality are huge barriers to children's learning and it is vital that we have parents' full support in ensuring all children aim for 100% attendance and no lates. To that end, please ensure your child is up and ready to leave the house in the morning so they can **arrive by 8.30 a.m.**

Please do not allow your child to stay off school for any reasons other than **genuine illness**. If your child is feeling a bit tired or under the weather, please send them in to us with a note and we will look after them throughout the day. Also, if they have any worries or concerns that make them want to stay off school, please contact their Progress Leader or Assistant Progress Leader immediately so they can offer support and resolve the problem. This level of **Resilience** is crucial if your child is going to achieve their very best in their GCSEs. National research shows that children with even 90% achieve one to two GCSE grades lower in every subject than those with 96% or better.

We have provided some key dates for the summer term for your diary. Once again, have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in the Academy on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8.30 a.m.**

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



Mr M G Liddell/Mr J M Bush  
Principals

#### A reminder of key dates for the SUMMER TERM 2019

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| ✓ Good Friday:                | 19 <sup>th</sup> April  |
| ✓ Easter Monday :             | 22 <sup>nd</sup> April  |
| ✓ New Intake Evening          | 25 <sup>th</sup> April (4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.)                |
| ✓ Year 9 Parents Evening      | 1 <sup>st</sup> May   |
| ✓ May Day:                    | 6 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| ✓ First GCSE & A Level        | 13 <sup>th</sup> May  |
| ✓ Whit Holiday                | 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May                   |
| ✓ Last GCSE & A Level         | 19 <sup>th</sup> June (Contingency Day 26 <sup>th</sup> June) |
| ✓ INSET Day                   | 28 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| ✓ Year 10 Mock Exams          | 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> July                       |
| ✓ Year 7 Exams                | w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> July                                      |
| ✓ New Intake Induction Day    | 10 <sup>th</sup> July   |
| ✓ Art Attack & Summer Concert | 16 <sup>th</sup> July   |
| ✓ Sports Afternoon            | 17 <sup>th</sup> July   |
| ✓ School ends on Thursday     | 18 <sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 p.m.                           |
| ✓ A level Results             | 15 <sup>th</sup> August                                       |
| ✓ GCSE results day            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> August                                       |
| ✓ Return to school            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept  |