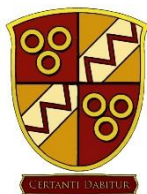


# The Oldershaw Academy

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To Parents and Carers

5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Review of the Year

We are delighted to report to parents that the Academy has enjoyed strong financial growth and realised record recruitment of students throughout the year. Oldershaw is becoming an increasingly popular school with pupil numbers up by over 46% in the last 3 years.

Some of the highlights for the year have been the amazing number of extra curriculum educational experiences available for Oldershaw students, including: residentials in Wales; field study visits in the locality; and international travel to France, Poland, Denmark and the upcoming, oversubscribed Media visit to New York. The superb annual show 'Grease' further confirmed the Academy's reputation for excellence in performing arts. We are proud of all our students but feel that we need to acknowledge the regional and national standards of excellence achieved by the following pupils:

Ryan Wilson in Year 8 followed up his amazing successes of 2018 when he was selected for the Great Britain Kung Fu team, winning six gold medals and three silvers across various tournaments, by being selected to compete for his country this year in the European Championships in Moscow where he won bronze. He then competed in London at the Team Shaolin tournament in June where he won three gold medals and one silver. Ryan is also the highest ranked person of his age in the country as a second dan.

Paris Alleyne was selected from young people all across Wirral to go sailing on the tall ships experience aboard Challenger 1 with 9 other young people he hadn't met before. He rose to the challenge superbly and was even commended by the Captain, youth leaders and a members of public.

In 2020 Oldershaw celebrates 100 years serving in Wallasey and we are thrilled that the foundations are in place to look forward to a new century in the heart of the community. We eagerly await this summer's results and would like to offer our gratitude for the tremendous work of the staff, students and parents.

We are approaching the end of the Academic year and we would like to remind you of the following events:

- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Annual Trips Day. Progress Leaders and Assistant Progress Leaders will have informed you of the details. We hope that all our pupils have a great day. For those pupils who have opted to remain in school they must attend in full school uniform.
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** We host our acclaimed annual Art Attack and summer concert. Doors will be open from 6.00 p.m. for viewing Sixth Form Centre (A Level) and the Main Hall (GCSE) for viewing the Art Attack exhibition and the Summer Concert will begin at 7.00 p.m. in the Main Hall.

- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** We hold our annual Sports Day. This year Sports Day will involve all pupils in Years 7-10 and be in a fun sporting format. (Pupils to bring water and sun cream for the day)
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Pupils will follow normal timetable from Periods 1-3. At 12.00 noon we will be having our annual final summer assembly which will include extracts from the Summer Concert and provide opportunities to say farewell to our departing staff. Pupils will be allowed to start their summer vacation at approximately 12.30 p.m.

**Wednesday will be a non uniform day and the pupils will be asked to make a single £2 donation to support school funds.**

## Welcome to New Staff

In September we will be welcoming the following new members of staff:

Miss J Cookson, Teacher of Science, Mr A Egan, Teacher of English, Miss C Elliott, Assistant Progress Leader,

Miss S Fellows, Teacher of History, Mrs D Harrison, Teacher of Maths, Miss Rebecca Jones, Teacher of MFL,

Miss Rachel Jones CSW, Mr H Lee, Teacher of Maths, Miss C McCoy, CSW, Miss J McLachlan, CSW, Miss A McSorley, Teacher of Science, Mrs P McVey, Teacher of Music, Mr J Miller, Teacher of Design & Technology,

Miss A Platt, Teacher of English, & Mrs Z Starbuck-Jones, Teacher of Children with MLD.

This is an exciting time and we are really looking forward to the new staff bringing innovative ideas and enthusiasm to the Academy.

## Fond Farewells

At the end of this term we say fond farewells to the following members of staff:

Mrs Jill Lane, PA to Principals who is retiring after 17 years. Mr C McLaughlin, Teacher of Science is moving to Whitby High School. Miss S Dowdall, Mr J O'Dolan and Mr S Worth will also be leaving at the end of term.

They have all made an important contribution to the life of the Academy and leave with our very best wishes for the future.

## Important dates

### Examination Results Days

<b>Sixth Form</b>	<b>Thursday: 15 August</b>	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon in Lecture Theatre
<b>GCSE</b>	<b>Thursday: 22 August</b>	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon in Lecture Theatre

**Monday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Staff INSET Day**

**Tuesday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 09.30-12.00** Year 7 Induction Day -Year 7 Pastoral teamTutors in Main Hall

**09.30-12.00** Sixth Form Registration – Sixth Form Centre

**10.00- 11.30** Year 11 – Mock Results Day - Year 11 Pastoral team &

SLT in Main Hall

**Wednesday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

**All pupils return**

**8.30 All pupils in School**

**8.30 Y8 & Y9 Assembly**

**9.00 Y10 & Y11.**

**Year 11 Theatre trip to 'Blood Brothers'. (p.m.)**

**\* Following assembly students will be with Form Tutors until break and then lessons from Period 3 onwards**

Finally can we thank parents and guardians and their sons and daughters for their continued support of the Academy and can we ask you to read carefully the Vision, Mission and Core Values information on the attached sheet.

Have a happy, safe and restful summer.

Sincerely

Mike Liddell  
**Principal**

Jon Bush  
**Principal**

### **Vision, Mission and Core Values**

**Vision** (our goal as an organisation):

Excellence Together

**Mission** (what all staff are here to do):

Nurturing Happiness and Academic Success

**Core Values** (how things get done):

Pride, Kindness, Resilience

Every member of staff strives to ensure everything we do meets these exacting criteria in order to improve the experience of every child.

### **Readiness to Learn: School Bags and Equipment**

The Academy bag, which is available from the Uniform Shop in Birkenhead, supports our students' readiness to learn and provides sufficient space for class and all homework books plus PE kit. The bag is part of our school uniform and must be brought to school every day. No other bag is permitted. All students are also expected to bring a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and pencil case every day to ensure lesson time is not wasted in handing out equipment.

### **Homework**

We are delighted to inform you that you are now able to support your child with their homework better than ever before. All homework is now available for you using the SIMS Parents App and your child using the SIMS Student App. (FREE to download from Google Play or the Apple App Store) or via [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk).

If you do not have a username and password for SIMS Parent, please contact school office as we will require your email address. You will then receive an email to complete the registration process

### **Accelerated Reader**

The success of Accelerated Reader has been nothing short of phenomenal at Oldershaw and it continues to be part of the daily experience of all students. Children read independently and in silence every day during form time, choosing books designed to be at exactly the right level for their individual reading development.

## Uniform

Full Academy uniform is expected to worn by all students every day. This especially includes ties and traditional-style black leather school shoes (see website for further details). It is not permitted for students to wear any form of training shoe or pump – even if sold as “shoes”. Can we emphasise that trousers & skirts must be grey. In cold weather, students may choose to wear a plain grey V-neck jumper, but hoodies, sweatshirts and tracksuits are not permitted for school and will be confiscated if worn. Students can choose to bring a coat to school but these must not be worn inside the classroom.

## Mobile Phones

In order to prevent disruption to learning and issues with social media, mobile phones and headphones are now completely banned in the Academy and must not be seen or heard at any time, anywhere on the school site, including before and after school. Other electronic devices are similarly not permitted.

## Attendance

Please do not take your child out of the Academy during term time for holidays and always encourage 100% attendance. Parents may be aware of the latest court ruling upholding government legislation meaning holidays during term time are not allowed under any circumstances. There is no flexibility in the application of this ruling and the government insists families are fined for students missing school time for family holidays.

## Punctuality

Students who are late for school or late for lessons disrupt their own learning and also the learning of others. In order to prevent this we operate a daily detention policy of 15 minutes after school that night for any student who has a single late mark that day. Students who continue to be late may be subject to further additional sanctions.

## Behaviour for Learning

At Oldershaw outstanding behaviour for learning is essential if all students are to achieve their very best. Therefore, if any student disrupts a lesson to the point where they are asked to work in another classroom, they will be expected to complete a half hour detention that night in order to catch up on missed work. Further refusal to comply will lead to more serious sanctions including a one hour SLT detention and fixed term exclusion, if necessary.

## The Academy Day

Children on site	by 8.30	
Registration	8:35	8:55
Period 1	8:55	9:45
Period 2	9:45	10:35
Break	10:35	10:50
Period 3	10:50	11:40
Period 4	11:40	12:30
Lunch	12:30	13:10
Period 5	13:10	14:00

<b>Period 6</b>	14:00	14:50
<b>Registration</b>	14:50	15:00
<b>Enrichment</b>	15:00	16:00

## Happy and Safe

The safety of students continues to be of paramount importance and I would ask for parents' support in ensuring all students follow our rules. Sensible and considerate behaviour is expected of all students as they travel to and from the Academy. They should wear full uniform from the moment they leave home and behave in a positive and responsible manner. At lunchtime the gates will be locked and the only students allowed out will be our senior students in the Sixth Form. No other students are allowed off site at lunchtime.

### **Reminder: Standards & Expectation**

Can we please remind all parents of our high expectations of uniform, attendance, punctuality and readiness to learn?

- Every student should aim for **100% attendance** and the minimum acceptable attendance is 97%. Anything less than this causes significant damage to educational progress.
- All students should be in school for 8.30am every day.
- Full uniform must be worn every day including black shoes (no trainers allowed), blazer and tie. Hoodies, fleeces, tracksuits and sweatshirts must not be worn for school. On cold days, a grey V-neck school jumper and/or coat can be worn.
- Every student must bring their school bag, pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and school planner **every day**. They are crucial for learning.
- PE kit must be brought to school for every PE lesson.
- Mobile phones and headphones are banned. If they are seen or heard, they will be confiscated.
- Fizzy and sugary drinks are banned. If seen they will be confiscated.
- Please ensure that students accounts are topped up for cashless catering.

Thank you for supporting us with these issues. Students who get these smaller details right always go on to achieve the bigger successes with their learning that we all want for them.