

Thursday 18th July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to formally introduce myself as Principal at Oasis Academy Leesbrook from September 2024. I joined the Academy in January from our sister school, Oasis Academy Oldham, where I was a senior leader for ten years. Prior to that, my teaching experience has been across Tameside Schools, spanning a twenty-five-year period in total. I am proud to now continue to serve Oasis Community Learning here at Leesbrook and look forward to getting to meet and know as many members of our wider community as possible in the coming academic year. Thank you to the many I have already met for making me feel so very welcome.

During the summer term, I have been able to recruit a range of excellent colleagues to a variety of key positions for the new academic year and I look forward to being able to invite you to meet them at what will be our first Family Forum Evening in the first half of the Autumn term. Dates to follow in September for your calendar, along with other key events, new for 2024/25.

Wear Red for Ethan - Friday 19th July

In loving memory of Ethan Allen, Year 10 will hold a non-school uniform day for all students on **Friday 19th July** with a voluntary **contribution of £1** in exchange for wearing own clothes, preferably featuring a red item in honour of Ethan's favourite sporting teams Chicago Bulls & Manchester United. All monies raised will go to Ethan's mum's charity of choice. In the new academic year, we will update you on decisions made in collaboration with Ethan's family on a memorial for Ethan at Leesbrook.

Culture Day - Tuesday 23rd July

On the last day of term, students are invited to opt to wear cultural dress as a celebration of the end of term and to recognise the cultural diversity we are proud to represent at Oasis Academy Leesbrook.

Transition

As we continue to grow to full capacity, it was a joy to meet our new Year 7 students and families at our recent transition event. I am keen to ensure we develop ways to create a school community that feels personal, a place where your children are known. With this in mind, the senior leadership team and I have been preparing a number of changes to our school systems, routines and structures for the new school year; what follows is a summary for you:

Teaching Groups 24/25

Your child's educational experience is at the heart of what we do, therefore your child's new timetable in September will reflect any necessary teaching group changes to ensure they make the best possible academic progress. Once timetables are issued in September, if you would like to discuss further, please can contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

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Student Academic Diary 24/25

Every student will be gifted an academic diary to support their organisation and personal study planning. This will also be a place to check their timetable, record attendance and a perfect place for you to record a message / note for your child's family leader or subject teacher.

Year Group-Specific Coloured Ties from September

Fostering a sense of identity and belonging to a year group is important to us, therefore **Years' 8-10** students will be gifted a new year group-specific coloured tie on the first day of term. **Year 7** ties can be purchased at Zutti uniform store in Oldham. **Year 11** will keep their existing green stripe tie.



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11

Improved breakfast, break & lunch offer

Breakfast club will be free & available from 7.30am - 8.10am from September for all students. Students will be able to purchase breacktime snacks for the first time from September via their MCAS account. Lunch will be a new and improved offer for all students. We have invested significantly in new facilities to provide a wider menu offer and have involved the student leadership team in tasting sessions and menu design.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, their funding allocation will be credited daily from the local authority direct to their MCAS account.

Food costs and new menus will be available for your perusal via our website from 1st August.

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Student Leadership Team 24/25

Democracy and student voice is central to our vision and mission. We are delighted to have appointed a new student leadership team for 24/25 with representatives in all family groups and year teams to ensure student voice is central to our work. More on this at our first Family Forum in the Autumn term.

Oasis Leesbrook Community Hub

Earlier this year we welcomed Adele Murray to Leesbrook as our new Oasis Hub Strategic Community Development Lead for Oasis Oldham Community Hub. We look forward to launching a range of community projects with the Hub and will keep you updated on how you can get involved.

Timings of the day 24/25

Start Time Each Day: 8.25am - Line Up for Years' 7, 8, 9 via Rear Yard

8.25am - Entry to site for Years' 10 & 11 via Student Entrance.

Finish Time Each Day: 3.00pm

Optional after school club programme 3pm – 4pm – will be published in September.

Developing our culture of reward & recognition

Your child may have brought home one or more of our new reward postcards this term. We are delighted to be able to celebrate the various ways in which our students demonstrate our Oasis 9 Habits. We are set to launch a new rewards policy in September and look forward to updating you in the new academic year.

Learning time is precious, our priority is always to maximise quality learning experiences. Our revised behaviour policy will be republished in September. Any important changes will be communicated to you directly in the first week of term.



My Child at School App - [MyChildAtSchool - Login](#)



My Child at School will be our central method of digital communication for September 24. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and use

this to:

- Pay for your child's snacks and lunch.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you have completed the local authority application this payment will appear daily on your child's account. The free school meal payment does not include a break

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time snack so you may choose to add money to their account for this reason.

- MCAS will track your child's rewards and sanctions.
- All messages and communication from the Academy will be made via MCAS from September
- We will cease to use ClassCharts from September.
- MCAS will be the one stop shop for payments throughout the year for trips/visits/equipment.

If you would like our support in setting up My Child at School, please feel free to call in to reception any day between 10 -12 or at a time that best fits you via appointment so you are ready for the new academic year.

Academy Uniform Expectations

Thank you for your continued support with our students in wearing our uniform correctly. We take pride in each one of our students and know that they are equally proud to be wearing their academy badge on their uniforms. Research tells us the benefits of having a clear uniform policy; wearing uniform is proven to improve school pride, unity, and spirit. **Please note, jumpers are now optional.**

A copy of our uniform policy can be found on our school website for reference [Policies - Oasis Academy Leesbrook](#).

To ensure that every student at Oasis Academy Leesbrook can reap these benefits, we are completing daily uniform checks, every morning during family time. Where students are missing an item of uniform, or not wearing the correct attire, we are providing them with the correct uniform so that they can enjoy a successful day.

If your child is provided with any uniform, you will receive a text on the same day informing you of this. We ask the support of parents/carers in ensuring that all students who are provided with a replacement for a missing item return these items to the academy uniform room, and that a new item is purchased at the earliest opportunity.

Further uniform information can be found on our website [Uniform Requirements - Oasis Academy Leesbrook](#)

Jewellery & Personal Belongings

Stud earrings and watches are the only permitted jewellery on site. Students wearing any other items, such as hoop or long earrings, rings, or bracelets will be asked to remove them. Make up is permitted but must be minimal/natural looking (no false lashes or lash extensions).

We have the following expectations:

- *Only natural hair colours, no extreme colours*
- *No tramlines, lines or patterns in hair or eyebrows*
- *No facial or other piercings other than one pair of ear studs*
- *No henna or artificial tattoos/body ink (Eid henna is the exception)*
- *No artificial/false nails or gel nails/gel colours*
- *No nail varnish*
- *Subtle make up / No false lashes or brows*

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Please do not send your children to the academy with personal belongings other than those required for study. **Mobile phones should be turned off and placed in bags before entering the academy.** If mobile phones are seen or heard they will be confiscated, and a parent/carer must collect from reception. The school accepts no responsibility for lost items.

Physical Education

For safety reasons, all jewellery should be removed for all PE activities and long hair should be tied up. Students are expected to wear their PE kit for every PE lesson, otherwise they will be issued a detention.

Uniform costs and support

The Academy takes the cost of the uniform seriously and works hard to ensure that items that are required can be purchased for a reasonable price that provides good value. If any parents are concerned about the cost of uniform items, please contact our school reception so we can explore what support is available.

Pre-Loved uniform

To ensure that uniforms are affordable for everyone and to reduce our carbon footprint, we are establishing a preloved clothing scheme. Families can donate any uniform items their child has outgrown to the academy, and we will be able to offer these preloved items to other families. If you have items that you wish to donate, please bring into the school reception.

GCSE Results Day Thursday 23rd August

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and families into the Academy to collect what we hope will be excellent results between 10am – 12 noon.

We close for the summer holiday break on Tuesday 23rd July at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm and open in September on Wednesday 4th September at:

- Years' 7 & 11 – 8.25am
- Year 10 – 8.50am
- Years' 8 & 9 – 10am

Breakfast Club available from 7.30a.m.

Thank you for your continued support and we send our best wishes for the summer break. If you have any questions pertaining to September readiness, please contact our admin team on: info@oasisleesbrook.org or 0161 290 4000.

Yours sincerely

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