

18th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy first half term of this new academic year at Oasis Academy Hadley.

We returned from the Summer holidays to some of our best ever achievements and examination results.

Here are some of our headlines:

- In early years the 'Good' level of development is much better than Enfield and National expectations
- In year 2, our Key stage 1 results in reading, writing and maths are above national averages
- In year 6, our Key stage 2 results saw incredible improvements with results in reading, writing and maths all above national and Enfield averages
- In year 11, at GCSE, we demonstrated results above national average
- In our sixth form 90% of the students went to Russell group and top third universities which are the best in the world!

This great success has been achieved through the hard work of the children, the dedication and expertise of our staff and the supportive relationship that we have with you!

Hadley is always a busy environment and as always we have had lots going on at the start of term including:

- **The Phase 1 Book Fair** – This was an exciting event to promote the importance of reading and providing opportunities for us all to read new texts and introduce new authors. Being a good reader is important and you must encourage your children, whatever their age, to read every day.
- **Open Evening** - Our open evening in September was very well attended with almost 200 visitors! The increasing popularity of Hadley as the school of choice, means that we are oversubscribed and have waiting lists in most year groups. We do, however, have a few spaces left in reception (ages 4-5) if you know friends or family who are considering moving school. The next Nursery and Reception open morning is on 5th December between 9 and 10:30am.
- **Charity** - Oasis is a charitable organisation and at Hadley we are involved in a number of charitable projects. This half term we have raised money for Oasis Kyrgyzstan and Oasis Uganda to support the education of children there. We have also hosted some spectacular assembly performances from our talented musicians in support of Black History Month and have also raised money for Sickle Cell research. On 15th November, children in the primary phase will be taking part in fundraising for Children in Need. Information about this will be sent closer to the date.

- **Careers Fair** - We hosted our fourth Annual Higher Education Fayre which was attended by over 40 top UK Universities and top FTSE companies. The Sixth Form received valuable advice and insights from the best in the business to add to their Hadley experience.

We also have a number of important events coming soon that I must draw your attention to:

- **Thursday, 31st October** - Academic Review Day for all our children. You should have received an appointment to meet with your child's Class teacher or Learning guide. If not, please contact the main office at the academy on the number below
- **Friday, 8th November** - Academy is closed to all children for our staff training day.
- **Thursday, 14th November** – 6th Form Open Evening
- **Thursday, 5th December** – Parents evening for our Year 6 and Year 11 Parents – further information to follow.
- **Thursday, 12th December** – Parents and University information evening for Sixth Form parents – further information to follow.

Academy Lunch Menu

Please note that the new weekly lunch menu, which operates on a three week rota, will start upon our return from half term. Please take a look on the website at the start of term so you can be informed about what your child is eating at lunchtime.

Safety and Wellbeing

Your child's safety is important and I have been asked by a number of parents to remind everyone to be aware of two important things.

Social Media

Social Media apps have some good uses and are helpful for sharing information. However, as parents we need to check what children are accessing on these apps, especially those such as Snapchat where messages and pictures are posted and then disappear. Unfortunately, the content that is sometimes shared by others can be unpleasant, hurtful and sometimes violent or sexually inappropriate. This is becoming more common because those posting information assume that parents will not see it so please remember to check your child's phone on a regular basis. At school, we do not allow phones to be accessed during the day. If they are seen, they will be confiscated for the rest of the day, should we have reason for concern, we will expect parents to collect it. A reminder, If you need to contact your child during the school day please call the Academy directly also your child is able to call you from the school reception if needed.

Playing and socialising outside the Academy

It is common for some children to play outside and associate with friends after school, weekends and holidays. When it comes to safety and wellbeing, we can never be too careful so please make sure you know exactly where your child is and whom they are associating with at all times. As busy parents, we trust our children to make good decisions about where they go and who with and it is sometimes easy to make assumptions about where they are. We also need to be mindful of 'friends of friends' who you may not know so well and may not have your child's best interests at heart.

Uniform

Holidays are always a good time to check your child's uniform for size, wear and tear and to purchase additional items if needed. All children are expected to be in full academy uniform at all times wearing black polishable shoes (not trainers).

Looking forward to seeing you on 31st October.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zoë Thompson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Zoë Thompson
Principal