



Dear parent / carer,

We hope you've had a wonderful summer break and that your child is looking forward to starting their secondary school journey at Oasis Academy Temple Quarter in September. Please see some key information below to support you over the coming weeks to be secondary school ready in September.

For the ease of your reading, I have included updated information at the top with previous information shared further down the letter.

Progress on our Spring Street site

We hope you have been following our social media updates to see that our Spring Street site now has all buildings in situ. There is still a lot of work to complete with utilities, internal decoration and many other jobs involved in finalising a school building but once possible, we will invite all families onto the site so you can see it for yourselves.

Ordering lunch (Thursday 7th / Friday 8th)

On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September we will provide a meal free of charge to all students if you choose to order one, you can bring packed lunch also.

To order a meal for the Thursday / Friday please use this Microsoft Form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ePM22N3uQC>

Deadline: Monday 4th September 9am.

Any orders placed after this date may not be processed.

Ordering lunches for Week 2

All lunches will be ordered via the My Child at School App.

Please see the attached PDF document with instructions on how to add money and order lunches for your child.

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Uniform on our first day

As outlined below our first day is a Thursday, which is when students will have their first PE lesson. Therefore, please can all students attend the academy in the PE kit.

Please be reminded of our Academy PE kit expectations from our website:

Secondary PE Kit

Item	Is this branded?	Optional or required?	All year or seasonal?
Plain Black Sports Polo top	No	Required - must be plain black.	All year
Black Sports shorts	No	Required	All year
Fleece or training top	Yes	Required	Seasonal
Trainers	No	Required - must be appropriate for sporting activities	All year
Socks	No	Required - must be black, white or grey	All year

On PE days, Tuesday and Thursday, students will arrive on site in their sports kit to reduce changing time and maximise the time we have for PE lessons.

The fleece / training top is expected during the terms between September and May.

Bus routes

Following the success of the bus on the Academy Transition Day in July, we look forward to welcoming many students by bus.

Please find all details and timings here:

<https://www.oasisacademytemplequarter.org/academy-life/academy-transport>.

To update you, the bus stop near Totterdown Bridge is open again, following the removal of a large crane by the new apartment complex. Therefore, we will relocate the paintworks bus stop closer to Totterdown Bridge to best support those families who live closest to the Spring Street site. On the image below you can see the new bus stop highlighted blue and circled, with the removed bust stop marked by a red cross.

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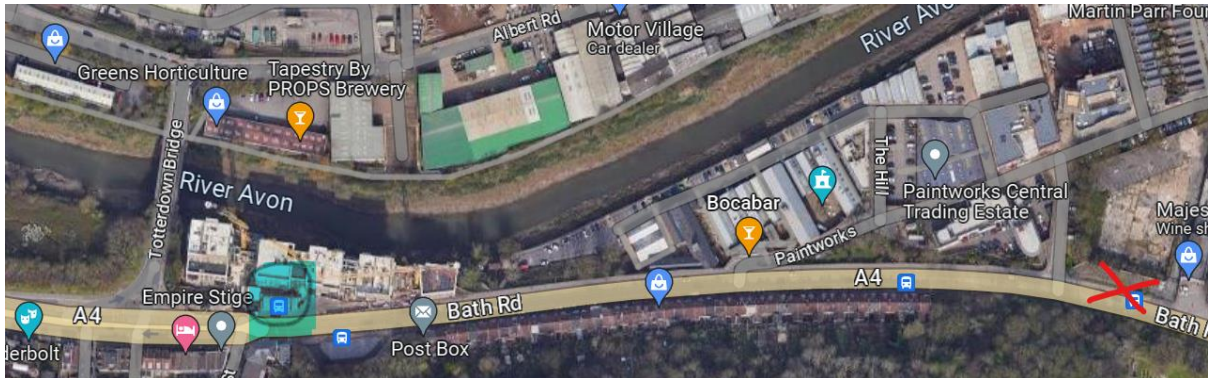
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On day 1 we will stop at both stops if required and Mr James will be on board to meet and greet all students.



Unofficial family meetup

We have been informed by some families that there is an organised 'TQ Meet In The Park' event on Saturday 2nd September at 3pm.

Whilst this event is in no way organised by Oasis Academy Temple Quarter we want to ensure that all families are aware of the event, should you wish to attend.

Location: Arnos Court Park

Details: Whole family welcome, siblings included. It is requested that you bring food, drinks, and any games you may wish to partake in or consume.

We hope you all have a wonderful day and that your child gets the opportunity to meet their new peers in a more informal setting.

The information below has been included in previous letters but is still relevant information ahead of our first academy day on Thursday September 7th.

Our first day

As previously shared our first day for students is on Thursday 7th September. This means that families do have an extended summer break as we prepare to open the Academy.

For more information on our term dates, please visit:

<https://www.oasisacademytemplequarter.org/academy-life/term-dates>.

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My Child At School app

This week you will receive an email from BROMCOM (our school management system) outlining how you can set up your My Child At School (MCAS) app. You won't be able to pre-order food before September using the app, but having the app downloaded and ready will help when we start in September.

We are providing food for the first week of term (Thursday and Friday) and we will collect food orders via a Microsoft Form from Friday 1st September. Please look out for this email which will also include a selection of food to choose from. You are of course welcome to send your child into school with a packed lunch instead. Please note we are a no nut school and ask that packed lunches do not contain nuts.

Uniform

Please continue to purchase uniform from our supplier. All details can be found on our website: <https://www.oasisacademytemplequarter.org/academy-life/uniform>.

Class groups

We have now finalised our class groups for September. Students will be split across 3 classes (approximately 20 per class). In year 7 we are going to utilise mixed ability classes and these have been created using the SATs scaled scores and transition information we have from primary schools.

Students will be in 3 class groups:

- Tutor / Personal Development group
- Maths / Humanities / DT / MFL
- English / PE / Science / Art

Students will move to different classes for each subject as per the secondary experience promised.

Equipment list for September

Please can you ensure your child arrives to school on Thursday 7th September with:

- Black / Blue ball point pen. These pens work well, and students don't need multiple pens - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Colours-Original-Ballpoint-Medium-Point/dp/B007CX2HKE/ref=sr_1_6?keywords=Multicolor+Pen&qid=1689598176&refinements=p_89%3ABic&rnid=1632651031&s=officeproduct&sr=1-6
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator (we will have some but it's best that a student learns to use the same model)
- Pencil case

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- Water bottle

Homework

To allow our new teachers time to settle and thoroughly plan, we intend to utilise the ReadingPlus app for homework during term 1. ReadingPlus is software that allows students to develop their reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. All children will have ReadingPlus on their iPads, but you can also access this video if you're interested in learning more about it next year: <https://youtu.be/MinU9D2Mz1U>.

Music lessons

We have been in discussions with Bristol Beacon about having visiting teachers deliver music lessons. There are multiple ways that this can work at the Academy, however, we first need to identify the level of demand and which musical instruments students would be interested in learning to play.

If you are interested in paying for your child to have music tuition in the Academy day, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/NCc2pfDLsT>

If there is enough demand to offer music tuition by Bristol Beacon, we would work towards starting lessons in October. This allows us enough time to purchase instruments for students. It may be for some musical instruments, such as drums, we will need to consider starting lessons when we move to Spring Street in January and have the space to store larger instruments.

Social Media

Please do follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

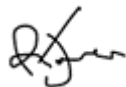
- Twitter: @OATempleQuarter
- Facebook: Oasis Academy Temple Quarter

The demolition of the current buildings on the Spring Street site has begun and we have shared pictures on our social channels. If you are passing our temporary or permanent sites and take photos to share on social media, please feel free to tag us.

If you have any questions following this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@oasistemplequarter.org.

Kind regards,

Richard James

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard James'.

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