

11 January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

## **RE: OASIS HORIZONS PROJECT LAUNCHING THIS WEEK**

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child is adjusting well to their remote learning. I am writing to you today regarding an exciting project that every student will be a part of in the weeks ahead at Oasis Academy Silvertown called Oasis Horizons.

Oasis Horizons will provide every student and staff member with an iPad for use in and outside of school while they are a member of the Oasis Academy Silvertown family. In this letter I will be explaining the reasons behind the project, and what our next steps are.

Providing each student with an iPad is the third element of a wider plan being implemented by the Oasis Learning family of 52 schools. The first part of the plan was to develop our curriculum offer so that students have real choice to high quality content that they are excited to learn about, and this work is continuing. The second aspect was to offer support and guidance to staff to enable the best possible teaching, and across the country we now have subject experts who focus on how we can best teach every subject. The third and final part of the plan is Oasis Horizons, which will make online learning accessible for everyone.

### **How will Oasis Horizons support my child and the Academy?**

Through Oasis Horizons, every new and current student will be provided with an iPad during their time at Oasis, so everyone has equal access to online learning. It helps us to create an environment where everyone is included, contributing and reaching their potential, and it will enhance learning for all.

The technology provided by Oasis Horizons puts exceptional teaching and learning, and the new Oasis curriculum, into the hands of every Oasis student. We know that our pupils are always learning, and that families play an essential role in supporting their children with their education. Oasis Horizons will bring school and home a little closer together, enabling pupils to access online learning wherever they are.

Oasis Horizons prepares our young people for their next steps by giving them a greater understanding of e-safety and providing them opportunities to engage with technology throughout their school career. Oasis Horizons provides a firm foundation towards further education, or an aspirational, fulfilling and prosperous career.

Finally, Oasis Horizons empowers our staff to work more efficiently by reducing the time taken to do things like marking and freeing up more time to support their pupils to make great progress.

### **What Happens Next?**

We are excited to be one of the first schools to be part of this roll out, and we are delighted to share with you what happens next and how your child will receive their iPad.

- 1. In order to clarify expectations for the use and safekeeping of each iPad, each parent/guardian must sign a home user agreement before their child receives their iPad. You will be sent an email tomorrow (12 January) containing a link that you must use to complete this online Home User agreement. Students will only be able to collect their iPad from the academy if a parent/carers has completed this agreement.**

The email will be sent to the email address we have on file for you. *If you have more than one child at the academy in Years 7-10, you should complete a separate form for each child.*

2. Each student will be invited into the academy to collect their iPad at the times outlined below. If your child is able to attend the academy in order to collect their iPad then they must attend at the time that they have been allocated. If your child is currently attending the academy, they will be given their device on Wednesday 13 or Thursday 14 January. If your child will not be able to attend the academy to collect their iPad for any reason, please contact the academy office on 020 7059 2500 or [office@oasissilvertown.org](mailto:office@oasissilvertown.org)
3. In order for your child to collect their iPad, they should return any laptop/iPad they are currently borrowing from the academy. Please ensure your child brings back the equipment they are borrowing to their appointment on 13/14 January.

During your child's appointment at the academy, they will be taught how to make the most of their device, and how to look after it. If an iPad is lost, it is set up not to work for anyone else. iPads that are reported missing can be locked remotely, and then be tracked. When your child attends the academy to collect their iPad, they should bring a bag to carry their iPad home in and should not open it or use it on their way home.

If you have any questions about this project, please refer to our FAQ's in the first instance via our website <https://www.oasisacademysilvertown.org/about-us/oasis-horizons> .

I hope you share my excitement about the huge potential of Oasis Horizons, and how it will enhance all of our young people's learning.

Yours sincerely



Johanna Thompson  
**Principal**

**Times for your child to attend the academy to collect their iPad.**

Please send your child to collect their iPad from the academy at the time listed for their class below

**Thursday 14 January**

- 9:15-10:00 – 9.1
- 10:30-11:15 – 9.2
- 11:30-12:15 – 9.3
- 14:30 – 15:00 – 8.1

**Friday 15 January**

- 9:15-10:00 – 8.2
- 10:30-11:15 – 8.3
- 11:30-12:15 – 10.1
- 13:30-14:15 – 10.2
- 14:30 – 15:00 – 7.1

**Monday 18 January**

- 9:15-10:00 – 7.2
- 10:30-11:15 – 7.3