



# Year 7 Parent Handbook

## Welcome from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Oasis Academy Sholing, where our core value of Striving For Excellence (SFX) is at the heart of our school community. As Principal, I am delighted to introduce you to our Year 7 Parent Handbook, which is designed to give you an insight into life as a Year 7 student, offering both practical guidance and an overview of what to expect.

At Oasis Academy Sholing, we celebrate student efforts, rewarding those who try their best and contribute positively to our community. Our students frequently describe the school as a kind and supportive place to learn. Student leadership plays a vital role in our SFX ethos, with student voice recognised as one of our key strengths. We empower our students by actively listening to their opinions and involving them in shaping our school environment.

Starting secondary school is a significant step in your child's educational journey, and we understand that the transition from primary to secondary school can feel daunting. Our dedicated team is committed to making this process as smooth and reassuring as possible. We aim to ensure that every student leaves us as a happy, self-assured, and independent individual with a strong sense of social responsibility, equipped with the skills and qualifications needed to take their next steps confidently.

On behalf of the students and staff at Oasis Academy Sholing, I extend a very and look forward to meeting you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Martin Brown', written over a horizontal line.

Kind regards

**Martin Brown**  
**Principal**

## Transition Opportunities 2026

At Oasis Academy Sholing the most important thing to us is that each new student starts Year 7 feeling safe, secure, happy and enthused to be part of their new school. This not only applies to students; we also want parents to be well informed about the move their child will make from primary to secondary school.

Transition from primary to secondary school does not begin in Year 6. We ensure that our primary liaison and transition work begins as early as Year 5 and continues into Year 6 and beyond. The students are supported at every stage of their development through secondary school.

We are very proud of the successful transition of students from Year 6 to Year 7, and the students always feel prepared and ready to begin their new adventure. This is partly due to our transition period, our weeklong summer school and dedicated information evening where parents are able to discuss their child with a variety of relevant staff. We also recognise that some students will need additional support with transition, and we will ensure that this is in place where required.

Within this pack are a number of forms which I would ask you to complete, in order for us to ensure your child's records are complete and to date. In addition, you will also receive a short online registration form. I would be grateful if these forms could be returned to us via email to [info@oasissholing.org](mailto:info@oasissholing.org), post or delivered by hand to our Reception by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

Please also take the time to look at our fantastic website and social media pages including Facebook at [www.oasisacademysholing.org](http://www.oasisacademysholing.org). We will be adding information to the Year 6 page (Admissions, Year 6 Transition) to ensure that you are kept up to date.

We welcome you as new students and parents to our Academy community and look forward to the start of your amazing journey.

## Key Transition dates

Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July 2026	Year 6 Transition Days at Oasis Sholing
Wednesday 1st July 2026	Year 6 Information evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer School begins



### Year 6 Information Evening

Our parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 for you to drop in between 5pm-7pm. During this event you will have an opportunity to meet key staff and students. This will enable you to ask any questions about Oasis Academy Sholing and learn about the fantastic facilities and opportunities that are offered.

Parents are also invited to meet with a member of staff to share information you would like us to know about your child before they start with us.



# FOR EXCELLENCE LEARNING

We want the very best for all of our Oasis Academy Students and want you to love your learning, find your passion and be the best version of yourself!

## WHAT DOES LEARNING FOR EXCELLENCE LOOK LIKE?

- Participate fully in lessons and be present and involved at all times
- Think hard and be resilient even when you might struggle
- Engage with feedback from teachers and other staff who are trying to help you maximise your potential
- Have the ambition, skills and expertise to thrive in a fast changing world
- Be an independent learner and embrace the opportunity to learn more through homework, virtual learning and opportunities that allow you to push yourself

## DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF OUR LFX JOURNEY?

Revision and study skills are taught early on so that students build up skills to use throughout their school journey

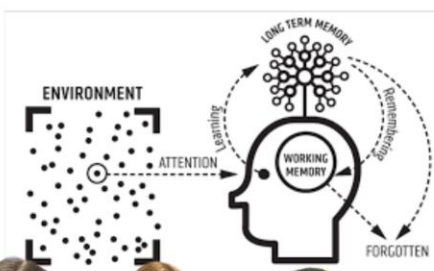
The way we teach is informed by high-quality research about how we remember and what are the best teaching techniques to help students learn



Students are rewarded for excellent learning by receiving points to spend in our classcharts shop and having the chance to be in the raffle for big prizes.



Virtual Learning Platforms like these help student learn independently and compete for rewards!



**SCAN ME!**  
COMPLETE SOME INDEPENDENT LEARNING, IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EARN REWARD POINTS TOO...  
YOU CAN ALSO EARN REWARD POINTS FOR ATTENDING EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, REHEARSALS, UTILISING THE LIBRARY AND HOMEWORK AND STUDY SUPPORT.



## Oasis Horizons Project: iPads for all

### iPads for Learning

We are pleased to provide every student with an iPad to support their learning in school and at home. When your child joins the academy, you will receive an *Oasis Horizons Home Use Agreement* to read and sign. Once this is completed, we will issue your child with their iPad, which comes with a protective case (including a built-in keyboard) and a charger.



Students are expected to bring their iPad to school every day so they can access their classwork and high-quality digital learning resources. The device will also help them stay organised by allowing them to track homework and reward points through the ClassCharts app.










You can find more information about the iPad scheme on our website in the **About Us > Oasis Horizons** section.



# THE SHOLING ADVANTAGE

We give all students the opportunity to...



- Have a free breakfast every morning 
- Continue learning outside school with an iPad and online resources 
- Compete with and against others in house competitions 
- Visit a museum, art gallery, theatre, or national park 
- Access career support to plan the next steps on their career journey 
- Be part of a school production and learn to play an instrument 
- Join the aspire programme for the most able students 
- Attend a residential trip 
- Attend an enrichment activity and receive support beyond the school day to meet their full potential 



## Striving For Excellence (SFX)

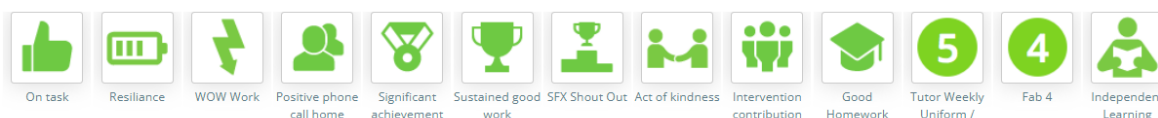


At Sholing we strive for excellence in everything we do and look for opportunities to reward students whenever we can. In addition to the rewards distributed through Class Charts, at the end of summer term there will be a Year group rewards day, where students will have an element of choice what they want to do. Previous years we have had inflatables, sumo suits, bungee runs and more. There is also the opportunity to go to a theme park at the end of the year. Moreover, we host a whole school achievement evening where we celebrate all things linked to SFX where all teachers, students and parents are invited to attend.



The most exciting reward you could receive is a 'big ticket' prize from the half-termly FAB 4 prize draw. Up to four students every lesson is given a ticket by their teacher for showing outstanding progress, irrespective of their ability. Students then choose which one of three boxes they would like to place their ticket in and await the prize draw shown to the whole school in tutor time the on the last day before their holiday. Previous prizes have been air pods, £50 Amazon voucher, theme park ticket, Bluetooth speaker and even a PlayStation 5!

The key to building positive behaviours and habits is through a strong and well-deserved reward system. Here at Oasis Academy Sholing we believe that building our young people's esteem and confidence through rewards is vital to creating a harmonious and motivational learning environment. Those students that Strive for Excellence (SFX) in everything they do we be rewarded.



## Curriculum at Oasis Academy Sholing

At Oasis Academy Sholing, our curriculum is designed to provide all students with a broad, balanced and enriching experience which allows them to achieve their potential and prepares them for the opportunities of adult life.

Our curriculum enables students to:

- Secure the very best academic outcomes
- Develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of the world around them
- Establish a love of learning whilst helping to recognise the pleasure and enjoyment that can be gained from the acquisition of new knowledge
- Study a broad range of subjects, gaining a deeper level of knowledge in all areas before pursuing their specific interests in KS4
- Promote fundamental British values by developing such qualities of character and personality as this will help them to take their place as active citizens in a pluralistic, multicultural and democratic modern Britain.



In addition to the core subjects of mathematics, English, science and physical education, students in KS3 study a range of creative arts subjects, food technology, humanities, computing, personal and social education, and a choice of either French or Spanish. At the end of Year 9 students make their choices for GCSE study, with a wide range of courses available.



**“I love Food Technology as we experience food from all over the world and learn new skills, I also think the new food classrooms are amazing”**

**Year 7 student**

## Mobile Phones

We know that you may find it useful for your child to bring a mobile phone into school. For example, those involved in after school clubs or fixtures or those with a particularly long journey home. In these incidences, the mobile phone must remain switched off and in their bag. They are not permitted for use during the school day including break time and lunchtime. Students are responsible for the safe keeping of their phone and the school accepts no responsibility for theft, loss or damage. If they are caught using your mobile phone during school hours, it will be confiscated and taken to the Reception Office where they will be able to pick it up at the end of The day. Repeat offenders will have increased sanctions using a staged approach, including parents having to come in and collect the phone.



We use an app called Class Charts which is an online system that tracks achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. One of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share the achievements of your child with you and to keep you up to date in real-time. Class Charts provides countless opportunities for students to be rewarded, ranging from your child being praised for showing resilience to challenging work, to acknowledging acts of kindness revealed around school.

Class Charts points can be used to purchase items or experiences from our dedicated shop run by our student leadership team. For example, students' points can be used to purchase a football, or an experience, such as watching a film with popcorn provided at lunch with friends of your choice! Moreover, the Class Charts points feed into our house system which are celebrated in our weekly rewards assemblies. We also use the app to communicate information home, including publishing a weekly bulletin.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities here at Oasis Academy Sholing. From being part of the netball team to learning a new language in Chinese club, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Additionally, Creative Arts clubs provide opportunities for students to develop their interests outside lessons. These run either at lunchtime (when students can bring their lunch to the club and register there) or after school.

Weekly clubs available to Year 7 include drama, art, music tech club, choir, kazoo, and ukulele clubs, and these feed into annual events.

The science club conducts exciting experiments, and our successful creative writing club has resulted in several students having their work published and winning national prizes!



# DAY TRIPS 2025-2026



# ICELAND 2025



# DISNEYLAND & PARIS 25/26





## Music Lessons

At Oasis Academy Sholing all students are actively encouraged to try a new instrument (including singing), or continue with lessons they enjoyed in primary school.

Lessons are at a very low cost or free to pupil premium students. It is possible to loan instruments from the Southampton Music Service.

Lessons are provided by a number of expert music tutors and take place during school hours. Outside of lessons there are various opportunities for students to enjoy from musicals to after school clubs and regular performances.



Athletics  
Badminton  
Basketball  
Cricket  
Dance  
Fitness

Football  
Netball  
Rounders  
Rugby  
Softball  
Tennis

Volleyball  
Table Tennis  
Pickleball

At Oasis Academy Sholing we aim to offer all students high quality physical education across a diverse and wide range of sporting activities. We encourage students to work to the best of their ability in order to become efficient, knowledgeable and self- confident individuals who can successfully participate and manage a healthy and active lifestyle. Students will participate in a variety of roles including performer, coach and official and are encouraged to evaluate their own and others' performances. Our PE team offer an extensive extra-curricular programme, which includes both recreational and competitive activities. Below are the activities that are currently on our curriculum.

## The School Day



<b>Tutor</b>	<b>08:30am-08:40am</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>08:40am-09:40am</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>09:40am-10:40am</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:40am-11:00am</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>11:00am-12:00pm</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>12:00pm-1:00pm</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>1:00pm-1:30pm</b>
<b>Tutor</b>	<b>1:30pm-2:00pm</b>
<b>Period 5</b>	<b>2:00pm-3:00pm</b>




“All of the teachers inspire me to learn, they are passionate about their subjects and help me to be inspired.”

Year 7 student

## Key staff at Oasis Academy Sholing

Please use the e mail address on page 3 to contact any of the staff members below

Principal	Mr Brown
Vice Principals	Ms Harland Mrs Jones
	Mr Cheeseman
Assistant Principals	Mrs Read
	Mrs Gale
Operations Manager	Mrs Hughdie
Wellbeing Team	Mrs Wiltshire
	Mrs Clarke
SENDCo	Mrs Read
Assistant SENDCo	Miss Ragbir
Student Entitlement	Mrs Ridley



Oasis Sholing is a great place to go to school. The first time I stepped into that building I was so scared because I thought secondary school was going to be scary and boring, but when I met my teachers and head of year all those nerves slowly crept away. The first thing I realised was that the lessons were not boring at all, in fact they were exciting and far different to juniors in a great way. They were challenging in the sense that it was going to educate me further. Finally somewhere where I like to relax at lunch or break is the library, where you can take a quick break from work and simply read a book. I hope that your transition from Year 6 to 7 is a good one, and I just know that once you step through those doors all those nerves will simply drift away.

Year 7 student

## Catering at Oasis Academy Sholing

At Oasis Academy Sholing we provide high quality, reasonably priced, healthy food options at both break and lunchtime from our school canteen and Green House Café. Our food is prepared on site, using high quality ingredients, by our catering team company Sodexo.

Students are required to remain on site during the school day and are encouraged to eat either a school lunch or a packed lunch in the school canteen.

On the following page is a sample weekly menu to give you an idea of the variety of food offered to our students.





















### Breakfast Club

Is **FREE** to all students, with staff on hand to help with learning and homework






# LUNCH WEEK 1

**MEAL DEAL! £2.58**  
MAIN MEAL + DESSERT



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Chipotle Vegetable & Bean Rice Bowl 	Rustic Kale & Potato Hash 	Succulent Quorn Roast 	Red Pepper Pizza 	Baked Halloumi Burger 
MAIN 2	Traditional Lasagne 	Katsu Chicken	Roast of the Day	Falafel Flatbread  	Oven Baked Battered Pollock
CARB / REAL FOOD FAST	Spiced Fajita Tostadas  	No Meatball Sub 	 Chicken Fajita Wrap 	 Loaded Punjabi Masala  	Korean Crispy Wrap  
VEG / SIDE	Broccoli Tomato & Onion Salad	Green Beans	Roasted Sweetcorn House Salad	Cous Cous	Chips
CARB / REAL FOOD FAST	Garlic Bread	Rice / Roast New Potato	Roast Potatoes	Cous Cous	Chips

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Jacket potatoes with a choice of two toppings, mixed salad bar & deli grab & go offer.

**MENU KEY:**  Vegetarian  Vegan  Plant+  New Dish  Spiced



## Cashless Catering System

The Oasis Academy Sholing has a cashless catering system.

Your child will have the opportunity to register for the system during transition week. We will need you to complete the enclosed biometric consent form.

Q. What is biometric?

A. Biometric is simply a method of identifying an individual person. We will be using an algorithm based scan, which reads between 50 and 130 points on the finger/thumb. It is not a fingerprint in any way, shape or form and is of use only in the cashless system.

Q. How does a biometric system work?

A. The information of a student or staff member, who has been registered on the biometric system, is stored on a secure biometric controller within the school, which only our provider, Nationwide Retail Systems Ltd, can access. Once an account is credited the student or staff member places their finger/thumb on the EPOS Terminal, which looks up their account details and allows them to purchase items using only this method of identification.

Q. What methods of payment can be used to credit an account?

A. Oasis Academy Sholing is a cashless site. Payments can only be made online via My Child At School (MCAS). Once an account has been credited the monies cannot be withdrawn and must be spent on school meals.

**"The teachers and students are very welcoming and helpful if you are facing difficulties"**

**Year 7 Student**



## School Reception

The school reception is open to visitors from 8:00am until 4:00pm, Monday to Thursday and from 8:00am to 3:30pm on Friday.

Our staff everyday help you with any questions or enquiries that you may have and will endeavour to assist you as promptly as they can. We request that parents do not come to school to meet with any members of staff unless they have previously made an appointment. Appointments can be made by phoning the school 023 8044 8861, or by emailing us at [info@oasissholing.org](mailto:info@oasissholing.org). We also have a dedicated year group email which is [Year7@oasissholing.org](mailto:Year7@oasissholing.org).

These emails will be forwarded to your child's tutor. Should you need to contact your child in an emergency during the school day, we ask that you call the school reception to leave a message, and we will ensure this is passed on. As students are not permitted to have their mobile phones turned on, we ask for your support with not contacting them during the school day.

## Year 7 pastoral team

Our Year 7 team provides pastoral care for all of our students.

Our pastoral team can support your child with everyday issues such as uniform and timetable queries, through to friendship concerns, anxiety and barriers to school attendance.

Should your child, or you, require additional support, our pastoral staff can also make referrals to local external agencies who can offer their assistance.

## Student Wellbeing

As well as looking after the physical health of your child, our Student Wellbeing team also provides support for our students' mental and emotional wellbeing. This includes drop-ins, one to one in school sessions as well as referrals to external agencies such as No Limits and the NHS well-being Service.

# Oasis Academy Sholing



- ♿ Disabled Toilet
- ♿ (Unisex)
- ♀ Female Staff/Parent
- ♂ Male Staff/Parent
- ♂ Student
- ♂ Toilets
- ♂ Lift



Please do not hesitate to contact Oasis Academy Sholing if you would like any further clarification.



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