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Dear Parents,

We are writing to draw your attention to a new online platform – **globalbridge** – that we have engaged with to improve and enhance opportunities for our students.

The platform, **globalbridge**, enables students to record and showcase their talents, skills, and qualifications through an interactive, media rich, secure online profile. Not only can they upload their academic achievements, but they can complement these with a biography, aspirations, photos, sound bites, electronic documents and even video footage such as sporting highlights, drama productions and musical performances – all of this helps the student to stand out in a competitive field.

Once a student's **globalbridge** profile is live, they can send their unique profile URL to potential universities, colleges, training providers and employers by, for example, including it on application forms or a college/UCAS Personal Statement. Viewing a read-only version of the student's globalbridge profile allows opportunity providers to gain a much more realistic and detailed picture of an applicant, as well as being able to see the student's skills and talents in action. The subscriber-only access database also allows institutions and employers to promote their opportunities on globalbridge, helping our students find and connect with pathways in a way that we have not had available to us before.

Data security is of prime importance. Students cannot view each other's profile; on globalbridge, students can only search for educational establishments, universities and employer subscribers and their opportunities, they cannot search other students.

We are working with **globalbridge** to allow our students the opportunity to create profiles and be amongst the very first on the platform. Our students can create a full profile and have access to the **globalbridge** system for life; this will help them to continue to access opportunities after they leave our school.

As a School we feel this is an exciting new provision and in the very best interests of our students. We will be launching globalbridge with students in the next couple of weeks. At this time, students will receive a welcome email, to their school email account, and support pack, which explains how to use the platform and complete their profile.

This opportunity to register for a **globalbridge** profile is only available through the email sent to your child's school email account, while it remains active. As part of registering, they will be asked to update their email address to a personal one. This will allow them to continue to access their profile as they continue their educational journey. Please be aware that this opportunity is entirely optional and if your child chooses not to create their profile, that is completely acceptable.

If you wish to find out more about **globalbridge**, and to read their terms and conditions, please visit
<https://www.myglobalbridge.com/>.

We would like to ask for your support and encouragement with this as a **globalbridge** profile will provide major advantages for your child after they leave Oasis Academy Sholing. Any questions, please get in touch:
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Yours Sincerely,

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