

6th September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! Summer has flown by and I do hope you have managed to have some quality family time. I also hope you have seen the press on our wonderful GCSE results. I am so proud of the class of 2021. Below is important information regarding starting the new academic year.

- Starting day for all students is Wednesday 8th September.
- Start times - Year 7 (new intake) 8.25 a.m.
- Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 is 10:00 a.m.
- All students in full uniform with their own bags and equipment.
- Students will receive an ID badge and lanyard. This must be worn at all times, as it is used to pay for food.
- Students no longer need to wear face coverings.
- The Academy will no longer have year group bubbles.
- Any student who is PCR positive will be asked to isolate for ten days by the NHS Test and Trace team.
- We will not be sending close contacts of a Covid case home. Close contacts will be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace teams and **not** Essa.
- All students will be expected to participate in a lateral flow test on Wednesday 8th September on arrival and a second flow test on Monday 13th September. After that, testing will occur twice weekly at home.

There is further information from the NHS about the latest Covid guidance on our website.

Let's get the new term up and running and set these high standards of routines and learning. I can't wait to welcome students back.

Best wishes



Martin Knowles
Principal

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P.S. Our open evening is Monday 27th September from 4pm until 8pm. It has been a long time since many of you set foot in the school. We have done a lot of work in the past 18 months. Come and join us and see.