



15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### Arrangements for the end of the academic year

The BYA year ends on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 12:00 noon.**

On this day we will be serving a more substantial meal at break time, so any student on free school meals will be able to claim their free meal then. The school bus service will leave the Academy at 12:10pm.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July will be a non-uniform day (usual common sense rules apply).

### Arrangements for start of the new academic year in September 2021

As pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, government advice is that all secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the Autumn Term. In order for us to do this effectively, we are planning to stagger the return of pupils across the first week to manage this. Pupils should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.

There will be a staggered start to the beginning of term:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September school is closed to students for staff training.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September school will be open to **Year 7 students only**. They should arrive at 10am.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September:
  - Year 7 and 10 should arrive for 8.20am
  - Year 11 should arrive for 9.20am
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September
  - Years 7,8, 10 and 11 should arrive for 8.20am
  - Year 9 should arrive for 9.20am

### Back to school requirements

- Essentials for ALL lessons - Black pen (plus a spare), green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener.
- A school bag big enough to accommodate an A4 folder.
- Planner. This will be given out on the first day.
- PE Kit for ALL PE lessons.

### Uniform

- White shirts must be long enough and remain tucked in (not short fitted girls' blouses).
- Black trousers (no jeans, leggings or jeggings) or black skirt. The skirt must be knee length and should not be tight and fitted.
- Hair - no unnatural colour hair dye or closely shaven hair or patterns/lines.
- Jewellery - no earrings or other studs e.g. nose, lip, tongue, no bracelets, bangles, rings or necklaces other than a simple cross and chain.
- Discreet make-up for Year 10 and above only. Nail polish or acrylic nails are not allowed.





- Plain black shoes (No logos, trainer style shoes even if sold as school shoes, canvas pumps or boots). Trainers are not allowed to be worn apart from in PE lessons and this includes the plain black Nike Air.

I would like to wish all families in our Academy community a happy and restful summer holiday, and return healthy and refreshed for our new Academic year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Cole".

Rachael Cole  
Head of School