

## HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

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Dear parent/carers,

“Welcome back.” I appreciate students still have a day or two (depending on year group) of holiday before they have to make a return to the Academy but I wanted to make sure everyone was clear on the days and timings for their first day back.

### **New Year 7 Start and New Year 11 Return**

Year 7 and Year 11 students will return tomorrow (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>).

The school day starts at 8:35am promptly each day. Students should aim to be on site by 8:30am at the latest.

For this first day only, Year 7 students will enter into the *Sports Hall* through the fire exits. The Sports Hall is situated further along the front of the building past the Main Doors away from the bike sheds (staff will be on hand to direct so please do not worry). Students will be sorted into their Tutor Groups and collected by their Tutor so there are no worries about getting lost. All you need on Wednesday is yourself, your uniform (or as much of it as you have, do not worry if something hasn't arrived from the suppliers on time etc, we know it happens in the first few days) and your bag with water bottle and pencil case. Students will be with their tutors all day doing a variety of induction activities. No PE kit is required by anyone. Everyone should have received their ParentPay account details to enable you to add credit for break and lunch purchases. If you currently receive free school meals in Y6 this should transfer on the system to us. **All** Year 7 students will get free lunch on Wednesday whilst we arrange printing of student cards ready for normal service on Thursday.

Year 11 students will enter through the Main Atrium (normal student entrance). There will be a board showing Tutor Rooms in case yours has changed. You will need your normal school bag and equipment (no PE kit needed). Please also remember your Lunch Card so that you can access the canteen.

### **All Students Return**

**EVERY** student returns full time on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 8:35am for a normal school day. There will be a short time with Tutors to receive timetables and a bit of induction and then a normal timetable will resume. Please ensure all students have their uniform, school bag and pencil case as well as a bottle of water. No PE kit will be needed on Thursday whilst students receive their timetables.

**Uniform** – We know across the summer many families will have purchased new uniform. We would be delighted to receive any uniform that is in useable condition and is no longer needed (blazer, trousers, shirts, ties, jumpers, shoes, PE kit...anything!). We try to maintain a loan stock of uniform (which we wash and clean after every use) for any student who forgets uniform or is in need and donations make this viable. If you have anything we would be happy to receive it into Reception on any day between 7:30am and 4pm.

Likewise, if you are still missing items of uniform for the start of term please do not panic. We ask that every student is in as much uniform as possible for their first day back and we will be sympathetic to any outstanding items and work with



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families to ensure all students have their full uniform. Please do **not** keep students off of school just because of incomplete uniform.

**ParentPay & Free School Meals** – a reminder please to top up any ParentPay accounts to ensure students have credit for lunches each day as we are unable to provide lunches for free or allow students to run into an overspend.

If your child is eligible for free school meals this will be on their card at the Academy already.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for FSM now but weren't previously a reminder you can check and apply online and get an instance decision [on this link](#). If you are in any doubt, it is worth a check as it can be quite a financial saving for families who are eligible.

**Lockers** – over the summer every locked would have been emptied and cleaned. If a student has a locker issued already then that is still their locked and they can start using it straight away.

Any student who wants a locker needs to pay a £5 deposit on ParentPay and a key will then be issued by the Admin or House Team. If a replacement key is needed there will be a charge of £5 to cover the cost so please encourage students to look after their locker key.

We look forward to seeing all students across Wednesday and Thursday for their return. We are really looking forward to this academic year.

Yours sincerely

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Principal