

3 September 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had some time to relax and catch up with friends and loved ones over the Summer break. I think it would be an understatement to say that we all needed it!

We were delighted to share some outstanding examination results in August, that were so thoroughly deserved by both our Year 13 and Year 11 students. A large number of Year 11s have chosen to come back into Year 12, which we are delighted about and it has been wonderful to see them back on site today. I am sure you will all join me in wishing all of our leavers well in their future endeavours.

During August we also ran a successful Summer School for well over 100 of our new Year 7 students, which I know has led to providing a really helpful and positive start to those that were able to attend.

Over the past couple of days, I have welcomed our staff back and I can safely say that both those returning staff and those new to the Academy were all raring to go and excited for the year ahead. This morning began with the arrival of our Year 12 students, all looking smart in their professional dress, alongside our new Year 7 students looking equally smart and ready to begin their secondary school journey.

COVID-19 Update:

We begin the term with the majority of COVID-19 restrictions that were previously imposed on us by the Government having been lifted. That in itself will give us all, staff and students alike, a greater sense of freedom. It will also mean that staff have the opportunity to run things in a way that we know gives students the best opportunity to thrive. I cannot wait to see the school full of students ready to learn, growing in confidence, making new friends and achieving their very best this year.

That being said, COVID-19 has not gone away. Thankfully, rules around self-isolation for close contacts have changed, which means we can go back to mixing across year groups, and that fewer students should be required to self-isolate and for a shorter period as long as they remain symptom and virus-free. That being said, we must remain ever cautious. We will continue to promote the hygiene, cleaning and ventilation expectations as before, and staff and students must continue to take two lateral flow tests each week up to the end of September when the process is being reviewed nationally.

The requirement to wear face masks has also been removed, however, if anyone feels they would like to wear one where social distancing cannot be achieved, they are welcome to do so. With the introduction of vaccinations being opened up to the 16-19 age group, please see an important letter

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attached for the attention of those students (Year 11-13) and families. Finally, our COVID-19 risk assessment has been updated and will be placed on our website in the next few days.

Once again, I wish everyone a very warm welcome to the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Jo Meloni

Headteacher

[Letter from NHS Bucks for families of students in Years 11-13](#)



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