

22nd July 2021

End of Year Update

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. As promised, I write with further updates for the summer examination results and for the start of next term in September.

Y12 & Y13 Examination Results Day – Tuesday 10th August 2021 - Sixth Form Area

We welcome back our Y12 and 13 students on the above date to collect their examination results! This will take place in our Sixth Form area at 10am.

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 12th August 10:00 am - Phoenix Theatre

We look forward to welcoming all of our Y11 students back to the Academy on the above date to collect their long awaited examination results! This will take place in the foyer of the Phoenix theatre between 10:00am and 12pm. Sixth Form enrolment will also take place for students at this time.

New Academic Year 2021-2022

School will reopen to students on Tuesday 7th September 2021. Due to the expectation of an offer of Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests and to allow Year 7 students a period of induction that wasn't feasible in July 2021, we will have a staggered start to the academic year. Please refer to the table below. (Monday 6th September will be taken as an INSET day).

Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September	Wednesday 8 th September	Thursday 9 th September	Friday 10 th September
<p>Staff INSET Day</p> <p>Year 7, 12, 13 and Cas Tigers students will have their FIRST Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p>	<p>Year 10 and 11 will have their FIRST Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p>	<p>Year 8 and 9 will have their FIRST Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p> <p>Year 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 will be in</p>	<p>Year 7, 12, 13 and Cas Tigers Students will have their SECOND Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be in school at this point</p>	<p>Year 10 and 11 will have their SECOND Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be in school at this point</p>

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Consent for LFD Testing

Secondary students can only be tested in the Academy if you, as parent or carer, have given explicit consent. **Even if you have already given consent, we require you to do so again for September 2021. Please follow this link to complete the online survey, this must be completed please, for each of the children that attend from your family.**

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IZ5Q5F/>

Uniform Reminders

Whereas we have been understanding and sympathetic to the difficulties experienced by parents and carers in obtaining uniform since March this year, we expect all students to be in full Academy uniform in September without exception. If you foresee any issues meeting our uniform standards, please contact our office.

I have attached a uniform guide to allow your child to be prepared and ready for the new school year. If you would like to bring any new uniform in to school to check that it is in line with our policy, a member of staff will be available to do this on our GCSE results day, **Thursday 12th August between 10am and 12pm**. This will take place in the theatre.

Please see a few reminders below of the most frequent issues with our uniform guidelines:

- Hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- **No nail varnish or acrylic nails**
- Make up should be minimal and false eyelashes are not allowed
- Only one stud earring allowed in each ear
- No facial piercings – no clear retainers
- **Skirts must sit just above the knee and stretchy t-shirt material skirts are not allowed**
- Graffiti and writing on hands and arms is not permitted

In line with our policy, students who breach our uniform expectations will be asked to address the issue raised. Jewellery, mobile devices and hoodies will be confiscated and stored in reception / Hub, whereby they can be collected at the end of the day. A detention will also be issued. Detentions will also be issued for other breaches of the uniform policy.

Please note that we do not exclude students for wearing jewellery, having mobile phones or any other breaches of this policy. We will however, always ask students to rectify the issue that we have raised. These are reasonable requests.

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If a student fails to comply immediately with a reasonable request then the academy will issue a further sanction, which may include an exclusion. Parents and carers should be clear that this applies to all reasonable requests and not just those associated with uniform. We appreciate your support in upholding our high standards.

Attendance and Term Time Holidays

The Academy will continue to have attendance as a priority next academic year. We do all we can to encourage students to attend school every day and value your support from home with this. Holidays should not be taken during term time. This will directly impact negatively on the progress of your child.

We are immensely proud that our Year 11 students in 2020-2021 achieved the highest EVER attendance for a Year 11 cohort in the history of Airedale Academy. Given the circumstances that surrounded this, it is even more amazing that the students achieved such a feat. The challenge has been set moving forward now as we will only aim to match this but indeed better it next year.

Mr Podlewski will be sending out some important attendance information by email over the Summer to ensure all our students can make a positive start in 2021-2022.

Club 100 will also be relaunched in September to recognise those students who attend all day, every day. Mr. P will have some exciting promotions, prizes and treats to run alongside this in the new school year.

Cashless Catering

In September we will be changing our cashless catering system to a new company. We will be changing from Cunninghams to Civica as their system is more compatible with our app. This will not affect the day to day running of our catering and it will look no different to our students. We will be contacting you this week to ask you to confirm permission for your child's information to be shared with our new provider and data with the old provider will be deleted. We will need to rescan your child on their first day back as the biometric information cannot be passed from one company to another, but this is within our plans for September once we have updated consent.

We will continue to operate in a cashless way as we have done this academic year. Lunch accounts should continue to be credited via our My Child at School app. If you need any support in accessing the app, or you have not already activated this, please contact our Office team who will be able to support you.

When we return in September, we will revert to how we were pre-Covid in that credit **must** be on your account for your child to be able to purchase meals, snacks and drinks. Accounts with a debit balance on from this academic year will not allow further purchases so **it is vitally important you check your child's account balance before we come back**; please make sure you are in credit.

We are currently working with our kitchen team to move back to our usual menus and more information will follow over the holidays.

As we go into the summer holidays, we will have information we need to share with you ready for our return. It is therefore really important we have up to date contact details for you. If you have the My Child at School app you can view the information we hold for you and send us updates as changes happen. If you think we may not hold an up to date telephone number or email address, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

I would like to thank you all for the support that you have shown our staff this year. Through our partnership between home and school, we have continued to ensure high standards despite the challenges of the pandemic and so thank you for helping us to ensure the majority of students attend school, arrive on time, wear correct uniform and try their best. It really does make a difference – not just to your child’s education but to the education of all students in our community.

Enjoy a lovely summer break and we will look forward to welcoming students back to school as per the timetable above from Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 8:35am.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal