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A Word from Mr Rockey

Welcome back to the Summer Term (despite the winter weather)! I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful break and have returned feeling refreshed, particularly following the latest relaxation of a number of Covid restrictions, bringing us a few steps closer to what we remember as 'normal'.

Return to School Survey

Thank you to the many parents who completed the survey regarding the Academy's response to the lockdown period and the return to school. Close to 500 families responded which gives us a vast amount of data from which we can learn.

As Principal, I was particularly reassured to hear that 96% of families felt that the children were safe in school, and 94% of respondents were confident to send their child/ren to school. With close to 100% of families stating that they felt the school had acted responsibly in terms of its return on the 8th March, I feel that having followed guidance as closely as we did had very significant positive benefits.

One area identified, that we will be working on over the coming weeks, is communication. There was a strong sense that we did occasionally "overcommunicate" and that parents felt bombarded by information (in terms of frequency and volume). I am hoping that these regular newsletters have begun the process of addressing this, but there is further work we can do.

Covid Home Testing

The Department for Education have advised that home testing should continue for secondary school pupils/students, twice weekly, until Friday 23rd July 2021. We will continue to provide tests for collection every 3 weeks, starting next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mental Health Matters

For a parent's guide to teenage depression, [click here](#).



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GCSE/A-Level update correspondence

A letter and attachment were sent out to Year 11 & 13 students and their parents yesterday regarding an update on the awarding of GCSE & A-Level grades this summer. Click here to view those documents: [Parent Letter](#) [JCQ Guidance](#)

Ducklings in the quad

Our resident ducks are proudly parading their ducklings around the Sixth Form quad... a sure sign that summer is on the way!



Communications from Parents

For ease of reference, it would be greatly appreciated if all communications from parents to the school are marked with the name and year group/form tutor of their child/ren. Thank you.

Child Employment Permit

If your child has a job or is thinking of applying for one in the future, there are some important things both you and your child need to know.

Do you know:

- The age a child can be employed?
- How many hours they can work and when these hours can be?
- What kind of jobs/duties they can do?
- That all these rules apply to jobs in a business even if your child is not getting paid or works for a relative?
- It is **ILLEGAL** for children to work without the employer notifying the Local Authority and obtaining an Employment Permit? (This permit must be signed by the parent and employer before being sent to the Local Authority; once approved your child gets a copy to keep.)

The links to the leaflets below from Norfolk County Council answer all these questions and more, including contact details if you have any further questions or concerns.

[Work permit leaflet – child](#)

[Work permit leaflet – employer](#)

[Work permit leaflet - parent](#)

Our vision is to develop happy and successful people
who accept **responsibility**, demonstrate **determination** and act with **humility**

