



Monday 05th July, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we move closer to the end of term, I am writing to confirm the key details ahead of the 2021/22 Academic year-having started teaching in 2003 this is very scary to write!

Over the past year we have continued to develop our ethos of **Excellence: No Excuses** and worked to ensure we have a culture where everyone feels safe and valued. We are confident that moving forwards we will embed our values amongst all of our Scholars and staff and continue working towards having the truly great school our students deserve.

I have been at Kirk Hallam for 18 months and every day have been amazed at the intelligence, politeness, manners and sheer brilliance of our Scholars. They have adapted to everything that has been thrown at them with grit and determination and I am so proud to lead this school. I hope that, whilst you may not have agreed with every decision I have made, you can see and understand that it has been done with the aim of putting Scholars first, second and third.

There is no doubt in my mind that Kirk Hallam has a much stronger culture now than it has for some time. This is down to the hard work of many staff and Scholars, not any one person. I want to thank each and every member of staff, each Scholar and each member of our community. The mission for next year is to ensure that we move on from the baseline we have created and create vibrant, flourishing learners who know the key facts and knowledge they need and can apply them to excellent learning opportunities.

I also want to say good luck to all of the year 11 and 13 students leaving us at the end of this year. We have a significant percentage of year 11s staying with us in our College and we can't wait to welcome them as year 12s next year. Our year 11 and 13 students have worked tirelessly in such difficult circumstances and I can't describe my pride in what they have done.

End of 2020/21.

The end of this Academic year will be on 20th July. In the run up to this date please be aware of the following:

- W/C 5th July and 12th July are assessment and reteach week to close out the end of AC4. We hope to have reports out with you by the end of term. We understand that some scholars are isolating and we will endeavour to complete assessments on return.
- 19th July will be an activity day with sporting activities taking place over the day in lieu of a sports day. All Scholars will be expected to wear PE kit for the day.
- **20th July will be a half day with the day finishing at 12.15.** Any Scholars who wish to stay for lunch will be able to so long as the office is informed prior to the 16th July.
- 20th July will also be an activities day with PE again being able to be worn.

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Start of 2021/22.

In order to embed all our practise and improve the quality of learning we will be undertaking the majority of INSET at the start of the year in order to get the most from this time and avoid any mid-year interruptions.

Students will return to the Academy in a staggered start on the following dates:

- New Year 7 and year 11 students at 8.30am on Tuesday 7th September.
- All students to start at 8.30am on **Wednesday 8th September.**

As a reminder, the week will look as follows for **ALL** year groups:

- Morning starts Tuesday to Friday at 8.30am with all students needing to be on-site every day by 8.30am at the latest.
- The Academy opens at 9:00am on a Monday.
- The Academy day ends at 3:50pm Monday to Thursday.
- The Academy day ends at 1:50pm on a Friday.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely

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Head of School