

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support as the academic year draws to a close. This year has seen the academy go from strength to strength and this could not be achieved without the belief, determination, and support from everyone in our school community.

We remain completely committed to making Kirk Hallam Community Academy the very best school it can be, and this year has seen the most substantial improvement since I arrived in 2022.

Whole school attendance is the foundation of any good school, and I am delighted to report that this has improved for the third year in succession. We are now the most improved school in the Nova Education Trust! There is of course more to be done and I know you will help us to move our attendance figure further next year.

I am perhaps most proud of the culture and 'feel' of our academy. Throughout the academic year, visitors have consistently remarked how polite, welcoming, and friendly our students are. Stakeholder feedback via our three large scale surveys all show significant improvement, with staff, families, and students all reporting the positive change across our academy. September 2025 sees us welcome a significantly larger cohort of new Year 7 students, and we thank you all for helping to make our school such a special place.

In our drive to further improvement achievement at Key Stage 4 and 5, we will be moving to a 'Two Week Timetable' from September 2025. This means that students will follow a timetable across a ten-day period, rather than a single week. This allows for more efficient curriculum planning, with options subjects receiving an equal number of lessons.

Students will have a timetable for Week A and Week B. The new term will start on Week A and will alternate each week throughout the academic year. Students will have a copy of Week A and B in their Character Cards, and each student's timetable will be available on Class Charts electronically for your reference. The term date calendar on the academy website allows highlights Week A and B across the year.

Finally, I am pleased to report that Miss Williams – Deputy Headteacher, has returned from maternity leave, and will be in school Monday – Thursday next academic year. Mr James, who has provided Miss William's maternity cover, will be remaining at the academy on a permanent contract as Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. I am delighted to have both members of the senior team with us next year.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Turner  
Headteacher

