



05 July 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

End of Summer term and start of Autumn term 2021 arrangements

As we near the end of this extremely unusual year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our pride and thanks for how well everyone has pulled together in our school community. Students and staff have worked together in the face of the immense changes to our lives that the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic has presented.

As parents/carers, this has also been a demanding time for you as you cope with your own worries as well as trying to keep your child engaged and occupied when they have been required to stay at home. We would like to thank you all for your support as we all try to ensure that students are able to continue with their learning as best as possible when having to self-isolate. Without your continued support this would not be possible.

Moving forward, we would like to make you aware of the arrangements for the end of this term and for the start of term in the new academic year.

The last day of this term is **Friday 9th July**. Students will finish at **1pm** and they will need to go straight home and avoid being in public places in the town or outside other schools which may not be finishing early. The day will be a non-uniform day.

Start of Autumn term arrangements

We look forward to welcoming our students back to Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre from August. Our intention is to open our doors to our students on Wednesday 25th August 2021, however, this will be dependent upon the Government guidance regarding mass testing prior to students returning to school.

Should there be no mass testing required then the following arrangements will be implemented:

- Students in Years 8 and 9 are to arrive on site for 10.45am for an 11.10am start. Students will start the day with their Tutors.
- Students in Years 10 and 11 are to arrive on site for 11.45am for a 12.10pm start. Students will start the day with their Tutors.

We are having a late start for students in Years 8 -11 so that the new Year 7 students have an opportunity to begin to familiarise themselves with the school and have a short induction.

If your child catches the bus in the morning, they will need to come to school at the normal time and we will make provisions to accommodate them in the library.

However, we ask that you keep checking the website regarding the arrangements for the start of term, as these will be finalised once the Government have confirmed their guidance regarding mass testing. We will also keep parents and carers updated throughout the holiday and in particular the last two weeks of the holidays prior to the start of term.



In order to make a good start to the year may we ask for your support in two areas. Firstly, regarding our expectations, we are keen to emphasise the high expectations we have of staff and students. Students are here to learn and therefore we encourage our students to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour and demonstrate PRIDE (Pride; Resilience; Independence; Discipline; Engagement) in all that they do.

Secondly, we ask that your child arrives wearing the correct uniform, carrying a school bag and with the correct equipment (see website).

Should you have any enquiries over the course of the summer, please contact:

- Year 8 – Miss Bull, Assistant Principal vbull@hajc.leics.sch.uk
- Years 9, 10 and 11 – Mr Bennett, Assistant Principal nbennett@hajc.leics.ch.uk

For your information, the Year Teams for the next academic year are as follows:

Year 8

Year Leader– Mrs Wilson jwilson@hajc.leics.sch.uk and Pastoral Leader– Mrs Mason kmason@hajc.leics.sch.uk

Year 9

Year Leader– Mr Stocks mstocks@hajc.leics.sch.uk and Pastoral Leader– Mrs Whittingham gwhittingham@hajc.leics.sch.uk

Year 10

Year Leader – Miss Webster kwebster@hajc.leics.sch.uk and Pastoral Leader– Mr Tallis mtallis@hajc.leics.sch.uk

Year 11

Year Leader – Ms Key akey@hajc.leics.sch.uk and Pastoral Leader– Mr Arnold RArnold@hajc.leics.sch.uk

In addition to this letter, we are also sharing a communication to parents and carers from Jane Moore, Director of Children and Family Services and Mike Sandys Director of Public Health at Leicestershire County Council. This letter has been sent via email and is accessible on our website.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued help and support. We wish you and your family a restful break and an enjoyable holiday period. We look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready for learning in August.

In the meantime, we wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

Ms Azizah Pathan - Head of School