

WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

Monday May 4 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This letter, the third to our new intake pupils' parents/carers is to enable us to keep in touch with you in respect of how we are preparing for your children to join our school in September. A lot of planning is underway. Mr Freemantle, Assistant Principal Curriculum, is busily working on the 2020 – 2021 timetable.

This week a number of *virtual meetings* are taking place with our two feeder middle schools related to your children transferring to Wootton Upper School. A new member of the Trust team, **Mrs Clark**, has been appointed to be the **Year 9 Leader** from September. Currently, Mrs Clark works in another large school as a Head of Year; we are delighted she is joining the Wootton Academy Trust team. Mrs Clark will be attending the Virtual Meetings arranged to learn about your children.

Mrs Holmes, SENDCo, will already be known to some of you and your children, through meetings which took place before lockdown. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Mrs Enser** has also met some parents and carers. Both Mrs Holmes and Mrs Enser will attend the Virtual Meetings that have been arranged. In addition to Mrs Clark, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Enser, other members of our Transition Team include the two Vice Principals, **Mrs McMorn** – who leads on Pastoral and Inclusion and **Mr Frazer** – who leads on teaching and learning, as well as **Mr Stewart**, Assistant Principal, leading on our Pupil Premium Strategy and **Mr Spurling**, Assistant Principal leading on Attendance and Standards of Behaviour. One of the areas **Mr Stewart is working on at the moment is which children have no access, or very limited access to the internet or a lap top at home. Please do let us know, in confidence, if this applies to you.** We are all much more aware of the need for children to have good and regular access to both the internet and a lap top to enable them to make great progress in school.

If your child is in another school, let me reassure you that we are making contact with staff in these schools where they have children joining Wootton Upper School in Year 9 in September.

We are aware that individual circumstances for many children already at Wootton Upper School have changed because of the Covid 19 pandemic. If your circumstances have changed and you would like to let us know now, please do email our transition team y9transition@wootton.beds.sch.uk If you send an email to this address it will reach the appropriate member of the Transition Team.

We do not expect Year 8 children to be amongst the first to return to school after lock down ends; we know this will impact on them and their learning. It may be that your child's induction will be a virtual induction which is not ideal. We will follow government advice and that of Public Health England in terms of planning activities. **Once there is more clarity we will confirm our plans and share them with you.**

We are sharing our term dates for 2020 – 2021 with you on the bottom of this letter. **Please note we start back before most schools on Wednesday September 2nd** and finish earlier than other schools in July 2021. **Our last day in July 2021, is Friday July 16th.**

Please keep safe and do get in touch with us, if you have any questions at the current time.

Yours sincerely

Michael Gleeson
Executive Principal
Wootton Academy Trust

Term dates 2020-2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020		
Tuesday 1st September	-	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Wednesday 2nd September	-	School/College year begins
Friday 23rd October	-	School/College close for half-term, 3.00 p.m.
W/c Monday 26th October	-	Half-Term
Monday 2nd November	-	School/College re-open
Thursday 26th November	-	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Friday 27th November	-	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Friday 18th December	-	Autumn Term ends, 3.00 p.m.
Monday 21st December	-	Christmas Holiday begins

SPRING TERM 2021		
Monday 4th January	-	School/College re-open
Friday 12th February	-	School/College close for half-term, 3.00 p.m.
W/c Monday 15th February	-	Half Term
Monday 22nd February	-	School/College re-open
Friday 26th March	-	Spring Term ends, 3.00 p.m.
Monday 29th March	-	Easter holiday begins

SUMMER TERM 2021		
Monday 12th April		School/College re-open
Monday 3rd May	-	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	-	School/College close for half-term, 3.00 p.m.
W/c Monday 31st May	-	Half Term
Monday 7th June	-	School/College re-open
Friday 16th July	-	Summer Term ends, 3.00 p.m.
Monday 19th July	-	Summer holiday begins

**Start of term for Autumn Term 2021 will be: Wednesday 1st September 2021 for staff
and Thursday 2nd September 2021 for pupils**

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