

## Senior Team Notices – September 2020

### GCSE Update

We are extremely proud of the achievements of all our Cohort 2020 students who received their GCSE results last week. The students concerned were a fantastic group of young people to work with and we are very sorry to see them go! They have been so positive and enthusiastic, dealing with the current challenges with such resilience. We know this will stand them in good stead for the future. We could not be prouder of them and would like to take this opportunity to thank them, their families, and our amazing staff.

We wish them all the very best for the future and look forward to celebrating their many successes with them as soon as it is safe to do so.

### Calendar Term 1 2020

| Date                                  | Event  |
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| <b>From 8th September 2020</b>        | Academy Re-opens to students:<br>Tuesday 8th September 2020 - Year 11 return to academy<br>Wednesday 9th September 2020 - Year 11 Bridging Induction continues. Year 8-10 return to academy<br>Thursday 10th and Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Year 7 Transition Days<br>Monday 12th September 2020 - Normal Academy Timetable begins |
| <b>14th September 2020</b>            | Year 11 Period 6 and “Catch Up” Tuition (all years) starts   |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b> | Year 7 Photographs   |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b> | Year 9 Photographs   |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b> | Year 11 and “New” Students (Years 8-10) Photographs  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>         | Online Parent Forum 1  |
| <b>2nd October 2020</b>               | Macmillan Coffee Morning   |
| <b>8th October 2020</b>               | Year 6 Open Evening  |

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| <b>23<sup>rd</sup><br/>October<br/>2020</b>     | Academy closes for Half Term Break    |
| <b>W/B 2<sup>nd</sup><br/>November<br/>2020</b> | Year 11 Mock Examinations 1 (2 weeks) |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup><br/>December<br/>2020</b>    | Academy closes for Xmas Break         |

## Term Dates, September 2020- August 2021

**INSET Days** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Term 1** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Autumn Half Term Break – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Term 2** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Spring Half Term Break – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Term 3** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Summer Half Term Break – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Term Dates, September 2021- August 2022 (provisional pending any Covid-19 changes)

**INSET Days** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Term 1** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Autumn Half Term Break – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Term 2** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Spring Half Term Break – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Term 3** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Summer Half Term Break – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

## New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new members of staff:

### Discover

- Nicola Murray, Teacher of Science
- Lydia Roberts, Teacher of Science
- Catherine Ludbrook, Secondment from Ormiston Denes Academy
- Lina Thomas, Teacher of MFL

### Create

- Courtney Farrow, Teacher of Humanities



### **Thrive**

- Stuart Aldous, Secondment from Ormiston Denes Academy

### **Achieve**

- Kerry Alderton, Teacher of English
- Hannah Yates, Teacher of Maths
- Sandra Escribano, Teacher of Maths
- Stuart Cameron, Teacher of Maths

## **Breakfast club**

Breakfast will still be available to all students daily, and will be delivered to their “Social Bubble” at the start of Registration.

## **Home Learning**

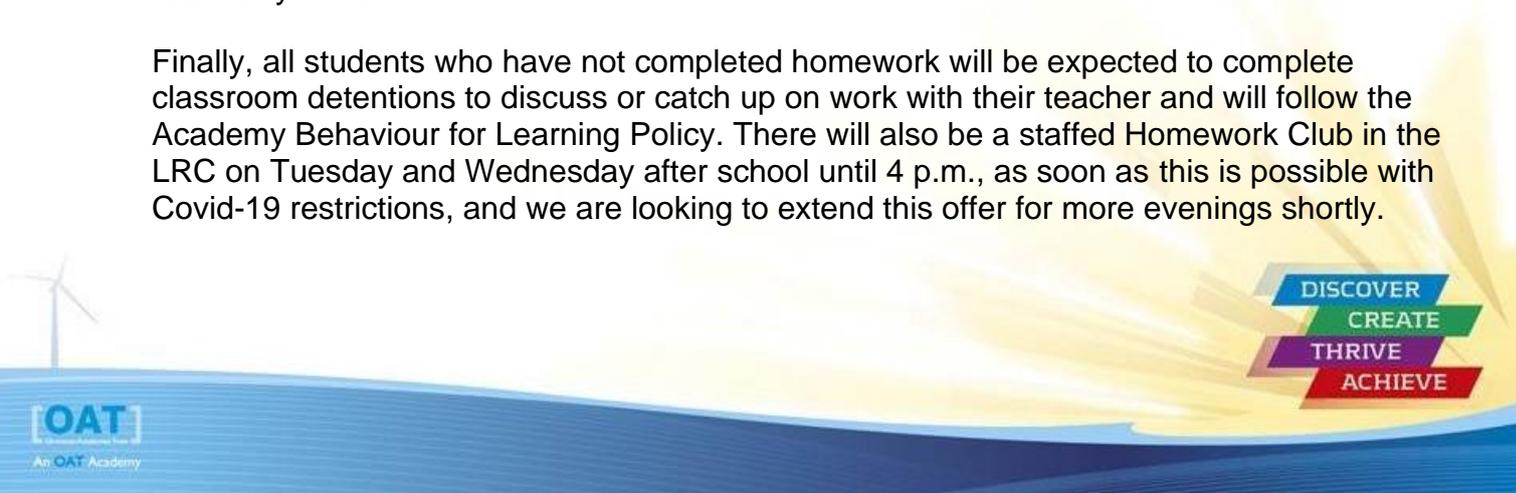
Years 7,8 and 9 will from September 2020 have all their homework issued in one booklet at the start of each half-term. Students will be given a paper copy to take home by their form tutor. An electronic version will also be sent to their ClassCharts account.

The booklet sets out Bronze, Silver and Gold Core tasks for each subject studied. It is the expectation for all students to complete at least one of these Core tasks for each subject, before the next holiday. However, the order, timing and choice of homework activity for each subject is up to the students’ themselves.

Tasks are planned by teachers to support the learning happening in class that term and are differentiated. The Bronze task is the simplest activity, whilst Silver and Gold are increasing in challenge. In addition, every subject has set Enrichment extension activities that students may choose to complete and there is an optional Family Task for each subject also. Most importantly, students receive reward credits for every completed piece of work, which you will be able to track on the ClassCharts app and will contribute to the whole Academy reward system. The students will be able to use their homework credits to collect rewards and prizes!

Year 10 and 11 homework will be set by class teachers in accordance with the academy Quality of Education policy, but from September will be set on their ClassCharts account only. This should make it easier for students and parents to track the setting of tasks, deadlines and the completion of homework. Upper school students will also receive Bronze, Silver and Gold credits (1 ,3 and 5 credits respectively) for their completed work based on the teacher’s assessment of the quality of the work produced and will also contribute to the reward system.

Finally, all students who have not completed homework will be expected to complete classroom detentions to discuss or catch up on work with their teacher and will follow the Academy Behaviour for Learning Policy. There will also be a staffed Homework Club in the LRC on Tuesday and Wednesday after school until 4 p.m., as soon as this is possible with Covid-19 restrictions, and we are looking to extend this offer for more evenings shortly.



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Homework Club is an opportunity to get the support of staff or use the Academy resources to aid students in completing their homework successfully and is open to all students.

## ClassCharts

Cliff Park uses an app called ClassCharts to track and update you on your child's homework and attitude to learning. We highly recommend you download the app as it will keep you informed, in real-time, of any positive or negative events, detentions and homework issued to your child during the day. The app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store on iPhone or the Google Play Store on Android phones. Just search for ClassCharts Parent and install the app. For further support, please see the ClassCharts parent guide, [available from this link](#), or contact Ms Madelin at the academy who will be able to support you further ([wmadelin@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:wmadelin@cliffparkoa.co.uk)).

## Building Project Update

Refurbishment to a further two Science Laboratories and the Achieve Corridor (English and Mathematics) has now been completed. Refurbishment to ICT 5 and the creation of a new English Teaching Room has also taken place over the Summer Break. Work to the Discover MFL Corridor has now begun and will be completed this academic year.

## Friends of Cliff Park

Join the academy's active Friends' Association and help shape our future. We need your support with fundraising and your feedback in order that we can continue to be the best we can be. For further details, please contact Mr Sorrento ([ssorrento@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:ssorrento@cliffparkoa.co.uk)) at the academy. Thank you.

