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Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for supporting both the staff at the Victory and your children in what I can only describe as one of the most difficult and disruptive teaching years I have ever experienced.

During my first term as Principal of the Victory Academy I have been really impressed with the creativity, hard work and resilience of our students. I have felt nothing but pride when attending the end of term performance, inter-form sporting events and when visiting lessons. I have only praise for our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who really do go the extra mile to ensure our students believe in themselves and have the best possible chances to succeed.

Covid-19 measures

From September, we plan to go back to 5 teaching lessons a day. We intend to lift many Covid-19 restrictions in line with government guidance. However, I will contact you again nearer the time should anything change. We still intend to operate a clean-use-clean system as well as asking staff and students to ensure hand hygiene is at the forefront of their minds. Hand sanitiser stations will remain.

Starting back in September

Years 7 and 12 start back to school on **Monday 6th September**. All students should be in the Academy by 8.35am for an 8.40am start. On 6th September, year 7 will be provided with a lunch but they are also welcome to bring a packed lunch if they would prefer to.

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 start back to school on **Tuesday 7th September**. Students should arrive at the following times:

- 8.35am – years 7, 10, 11 and all 6th form.
- 9.15am – years 8 and 9.

We will be spending time on the first days of term reintroducing routines and expectations, and supporting all of our students to ensure they are ready to learn.

From September, all students will be entering at the start of the day via the **Main Gate**. Students should then follow the student path and enter the Courtyard via the gate between A and B Block. Students will **not** be entering via Reception or the Galley. The Main Gate will open at 8.10am for all students.

Breakfast Club will be available from 8am. Students should enter via the Main Gate and go into the Galley via the Community Entrance.



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As we prepare for the return to the Academy in September, please take this opportunity to revisit our **uniform expectations**. Our uniform requirements can be found on our web site here: [Uniform & Equipment - The Victory Academy](#).

We want our students to take pride in their uniform and to accept that smart appearance is part of our core expectations for all members of our Academy community. Please ensure that your child returns with the full, correct uniform and equipment on their first day in September. For students with incorrect uniform, staff will issue a letter and a uniform pass, which allows 2 days for the issue to be remedied. After this time, we will contact you and students will be asked to return home from the gate until the uniform issue is addressed. Please note that this will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

The Victory Academy is excited to share our #proudtobeTSAT video

WE ARE PROUD! All of our schools across our Trust took part in this fantastic video celebrating our collective creativity in our schools, children and young people. We're excited and proud to showcase our talented students as part of this Trust-wide campaign, flooding our social platforms with the voices of children and young people playing music, performing drama, sharing artwork, poetry, singing, or dancing.

This is taking place digitally across our social media using the hashtag *#proudtobeTSAT* and *#TSATcreativechampions*

As a Trust we are proud that the arts play a vital role in our schools and this is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate it. After over a year of disruption, let's get back to the creativity and joy which forms such an important part of education!

Our school social media channels are: Facebook and Twitter

Watch our video! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmVvz5BM1tY>

Finally, I wish you all a restful summer and I look forward to seeing all of our students return in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Smith
Principal



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