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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
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Summer newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is the last newsletter I will write as Headteacher of Bedford High School, as I retire this Summer. Eight years have passed very quickly indeed but they do say time flies when you're enjoying yourself!

It has been a privilege to lead this school and work with our fantastic students, families and staff. I will miss it, of course, but I am now looking forward to my retirement and spending more time with my own family.

I can rest assured that the school is being left in safe hands and will continue to flourish.

LFD testing and Covid update

You will have heard the government announcement that in September school children will be tested twice, on school site, on their return to school and then continue testing at home until the end of September, when it will be reviewed by the government.

From 16th August, under 18's will no longer need to self-isolate if they are a close contact but should book a PCR test.

Students must stay at home if they have symptoms and/or have a positive Covid test result.

I will send you another letter, during the Summer holidays, with more details about how we will administer testing of all students (with parental consent) upon their return to school. Please look out for this letter in your emails.

Open Water Safety

As we are now having warmer weather and approach the summer break Wigan Council have recently published the Council's Open Water Safety policy (<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-Policies/Open-Water-Safety-Policy.aspx>). Please warn your children of the dangers of swimming in open water particularly as we are in close proximity to a canal and the Flash.

This short video [Water safety - James Story - YouTube](#) is sensitively done considering the subject matter; the victim's parents being incredibly brave to share their experience. It conveys a very powerful message and I would recommend that you and your child(ren) watch it together.

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Changes to uniform for September

Recently, Mrs Moss has written to you about the changes to our school uniform for September and a reminder about our jewellery, mobile phone policies and the need for your child to arrive at school with the right equipment so that they are organised and ready to learn.

Please refer to her letter so that you are clear about what your child is expected to wear, bring with them to school and what our policies are. You will also find the details on our website. We really appreciate parent support with all these things.

Oak Academy – all year groups

Oak National Academy have put together selected subjects and lessons for your child to explore, revise and study to help keep them on track for September. Paste the link below into your browser and have a look at what's on offer.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

For the parents of Y10 students.

In the recent Academic Review meetings your child will have been provided with details of the **Y10 Curriculum FROG site**. This is an excellent resource designed to support our students develop their learning over the summer break. Here is the direct link to the site: <https://frog.bedford.wigan.sch.uk/d2dfbd61a30637a2d0d39b8978008015>

The link has also been added to both the Student and Parent portals. It is important that your child dedicates some of their summer holiday to relaxation and taking a break from school. However, there should still be sufficient time for them to complete some independent study in preparation for their final year in school. Please encourage your child to dedicate some regular time to completing the revision tasks that have been agreed with their subject teachers.

Knowledge Organisers

We will continue to provide students with Knowledge Organisers for each of their subjects. These will also be available on FROG on the 'Knowledge Organiser' site. **Students will need their own sturdy A4 storage file/folder which they will need to bring with them to school every day. Students are asked to please have this available from the first day back in September.**

Last Day Arrangements

School will close for students at 1.40pm on Wednesday 21st July 2021 for the Summer break. If the early finish is likely to cause a problem for you, we are able to arrange supervision of students until 2.40pm. Please advise your child's form tutor, in advance, should you require this supervision for your child.

The Y59 Yellow Bus and the 935 will run at 1.40pm for students who use these services.

September Arrangements

N.B. a more detailed letter about testing arrangements will be sent during the Summer holidays

Monday 6th September 2021	
8.30am	<u>ONLY YEAR 7 IN SCHOOL</u>, please report to U Block Hall. Covid Testing will happen during the day
11.10am	Year 10 Covid Test then home
1.00pm	Year 11 Covid Test then home
Tuesday 7th September 2021	
8.30am	Year 7 report to their form rooms
8.30am	Year 10 report to their form rooms
8.30am	Year 11 report to their form rooms
9.00am	Year 8 Covid Test then home
11.10am	Year 9 Covid Test then home
Wednesday 8th September 2021	
8.30am	All year groups in school and report to their form rooms

My very best wishes for a good Summer break after all the restrictions and inconvenience we have all had to endure over the last 18 months. Our students, with your support, have been brilliant and very resilient to all that's been thrown at them and I sincerely hope that they (and you) can now look forward to enjoying a much less interrupted education.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs H J Phillips
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