

22nd July 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reach the final day of this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our students, parents / carers, staff and the wider community for supporting Ormiston Park Academy throughout what has been another eventful but really purposeful year. Your children, our students, have once again continued to show huge resilience and character to navigate both familiar and unfamiliar conditions across the year, from the persistence of COVID19, to extreme weather conditions, be it excessively cold due to the windows having to be open all the time during the winter to the recent heat waves and the challenges that this brought us. I believe we have managed these external factors very well and have continued to offer strong teaching and learning provision in the classroom and an extensive range of enrichment activities. Intervention and tutoring before and after school, across weekends and holidays has had particularly good take up across the year. Club uptake continues to rise with over ½ the academy regularly taking part in extra-curricular activities. Our Combined Cadet Force grows from strength to strength and mirrors the increasing sporting prowess that we now have in the local community, with both our Netball and Football teams, as well as our Basketball Excellence Programme and team doing ever so well.

As we wait for our Year 11 GCSE exams results to be published over the summer break, we wish all of our departing Year 11 students the very best of luck for these as well as their onward educational journeys. We also very much look forward to receiving our new Year 7's in September, most of these children we have seen as they have attended the full range 'meet and greets' we offered, our induction day and will attend our Humanutopia Summer Camp next week. This is seamless transition and I would argue that not many schools can match this.

Thank you all responses to the consultation letter which was sent to you in June regarding some minor changes to how we intend to operate in the new year. I am pleased to announce that the feedback received was positive and the following changes will take place from September 2022:

- **morning 'Line Up' will be at 8.20am Monday to Friday**
- **the academy day will finish at 3pm Monday to Friday**
- **every day there will be 5 x 60-minute lessons**

Please could I ask that you purchase in good time academy uniform, PE kit, a pencil case with equipment and a school bag, so that every child is fully ready for learning at the start of the new academic year.

I wish you all a safe, pleasurable and restful summer break and look forward to seeing your child back in the academy on Monday the 5th September.

Kind regards

Mark Roessler

Principal

Ormiston Park Academy