



July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

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Principal: Mrs N Waker

End of Year Letter from the Principal

As the end of the academic year quickly approaches I wanted to take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for their continued support during this academic year. Additionally, in this letter, I hope to provide you with some key information for the end of term and the start of next academic year.

Year 11 Celebrations

Thankfully, this year, we have been able to say 'farewell' to our Year 11 pupils in our usual style. On Monday 19 July, given the lifting of further coronavirus restrictions, our pupils were able to enjoy their leavers prom at Bagden Hall. I am pleased to report that pupils and staff had a lovely evening and it was an absolute pleasure to wish our Year 11 pupils well after the challenges they have all faced this year.

Pupil SharePoint Platform

Our SharePoint platform continues to be the central place we will share information with pupils both in the final days of this term and over the summer break. From speaking to pupils and staff, we know that this platform has proven to be a really useful site for pupils to visit to keep up to date on Academy news. If your child has not done so already please support them to download the SharePoint app. This will allow them to keep up to date with all Academy news over the summer break.

Examination Results Days

Thursday 12 August 2021 – GCSE Results

This year's GCSE results will be available for collection from 9:30am to 11:30am on Thursday 12th August 2021 and currently we plan to issue results to pupils in the Academy. Please note, this is subject to change dependent on any further guidance from the government. Whilst restrictions will have been lifted by this date we will still encourage social distancing and the use of outside spaces where possible.

Once pupils enter the Academy site they should queue outside Student Reception. A member of SLT will then direct pupils to the exam results collection point. Pupils should leave the Academy through the fire exit at the back of the Main Hall. Whilst we welcome parents on site to support pupils, they won't be able to access the school building and should wait for their child in the car park.

Pupils will also be able to collect their Leaver's hoodies, School photographs and Yearbook.

All results not collected during the allocated times will be communicated to pupils electronically via their school email address from 11.00am onwards on 12 August and then via post after 2.00pm

Please be advised that further information relating to our appeals process will be available on our website and shared with pupils and their parents in advance of our results days.

For pupils who wish to study at Ossett Academy 6th form, there will be a member of staff available for enrolment before leaving the site.

Further details in relation to the enrolment process for Accord Sixth Form applicants has also been shared via an applicant information and enrolment letter. For further details please contact enquiries@accordsixth.co.uk

The Academy Day from September in light of Coronavirus Management

As parents/carers will be aware the guidance for the management of coronavirus in schools was changed in line with the lifting of national restrictions on Monday 19 July 2021. All schools nationally have been issued with further operational guidance in support of the safe return of pupils in September 2021. A copy of this guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>.

In accordance with this guidance I can confirm the following steps have been made to our Academy arrangements for the autumn term in the first instance:

- The Academy will continue to place a significant focus on the health and safety of pupils and staff whilst on Academy site. This will include:
 - a requirement that pupils who are ill stay at home and report their absence to the Academy via the usual absence channels attendanceofficers@horbury.accordmat.org or telephone 01924 282740.
 - robust hand and respiratory hygiene.
 - enhanced cleaning arrangements.
 - active engagement with NHS Track and Trace as and when required.
 - the implementation of our Outbreak Management plan as and when required.

In relation to the last bulletin point, the Academy will continue to keep in place the following measures in September:

- The zoning of form groups into year group areas in different Academy spaces. This will allow for the easier reinstating of zones for bubbles should this be required in the future.
- The use of a one-way directional flow system across the Academy to alleviate congestion.
- The continuation of additional break and lunchtime spaces allowing pupils in different year groups to have their own social space at lunch and break time.
- Pupils will continue to arrive and leave the Academy via the front and rear entrances. Year 7 will enter via the Main Hall fire doors, Year 8 & 9 via the rear entrance and quad and Year 10 & 11 via the pupil entrance at the front of the Academy. With the exception of year 11 all other year groups will return to our normal start and finish times.

	Yr8 and 10	Y7	Yr 9 and 11
08:30	P1	P1	P1
09:00 - 10:00	P2	P2	P2
10:00 - 10:15	Break	P3	P3
10:30 - 10:45	P3	Break	
11:00- 11:15		P3	Break
11:15 - 12:15	P4	P4	P4
12:15 - 12:45	Lunch	P5	P5
12:45 - 1:15	P5	Lunch	
1:15 - 1:45		P5	P5
1:45 - 2:45	P6	P6	P6
3:45			Yr 11 Recovery Curriculum Tue, Wed, Thurs

Further specific details of the arrangements outlined above will be shared with all pupils as part of their on-site induction during the first week of the new term in September. During this week, pupils will be given their timetable

alongside details of their start and end time as well as key reminders about the health and safety measures that remain in place.

Start of Term Arrangements for Year 7 to 11 Students

Given the increased chances of pupils mixing with others over the summer period the government have advised all schools nationally that pupils should receive 2 negative Lateral Flow tests on Academy site prior to their full return in the autumn. With this in mind, the Academy will be opening its testing site and allowing all pupils and students to access two lateral flow tests prior to their return. **These tests will take place on Friday 3 September, Monday 6 September and Tuesday 7 September. Please be advised that if you have previously consented for your child to be tested on site, your consent will remain in place. If you have not previously consented to on site testing, or wish to remove your consent for testing please inform the Academy at the following email address enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org. For all parents of new Year 7 pupils a separate communication will be coming out to you to confirm our consenting arrangements for new pupils.**

In line with the continued focus on health and safety on site, it is essential that all pupils receive a full and comprehensive on-site induction when they return in September. This induction process will focus primarily on pupils’ health, safety and the changes we have made to social spaces for pupils. This induction will additionally allow our new Year 7 cohort a full programme of focused transition, as sadly we were unable to offer them this opportunity in the summer term due to the restricted number of people allowed in the Academy at any one time.

Outlined below are the specific details of each year group’s Lateral Flow testing and induction day/s, pupils are required to attend the Academy in full Academy uniform:

Friday 3 September 2021 all year groups onsite 1st test as follows

Time	Year Group	Surname
8:00 – 9:00am	11	A-M
8:45 – 9:45am	11	N-Z
9:30 – 10:30am	10	A-M
10:15 – 11:15am	10	N-Z
11:00am – 12:00pm	9	A-M
1:00 – 2:00pm	9	N-Z
1:45 – 2:45pm	8	A-M
2:30 – 3:30pm	8	N-Z
3:15 – 4:15pm	7	A-M
4:00 – 5:00pm	7	N-Z

Monday 6 September 2021 is an INSET day and will be closed to pupils Year 7 to attend academy site between 1pm – 3pm for their 2nd onsite test

1:00 – 2:00pm	7	A-M
2:00 – 3:00pm	7	N-Z

Tuesday 7 September 2021

Year 7 induction day 8:30am – 12:15pm followed by timetabled lessons in the afternoon until 2:45pm
Year 8,9,10 & 11 onsite 2nd test as follows

Time	Year Group	Surname
8:00 – 9:00am	11	A-M
8:45 – 9:45am	11	N-Z
9:30 – 10:30am	10	A-M
10:15 – 11:15am	10	N-Z

11:00am – 12:00pm	9	A-M
1:00 – 2:00pm	9	N-Z
1:45 – 2:45pm	8	A-M
2:30 – 3:30pm	8	N-Z

Wednesday 8 September 2021

All year groups return to the Academy

All pupils will be expected to be in full academy uniform with equipment, as per our Standards for Success.

Year 11 – Supporting Your One Big Year - Compulsory Intervention

From September 2021 all our Year 11 pupils will have a compulsory extension to their Academy Day on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On these days all pupils in Year 11 will be directed to attend either compulsory Recovery Curriculum sessions or enrichment sessions from 2:45pm until 3:45pm each day. Further information in relation to these sessions will be shared with all pupils when they return to the Academy in September. We hope by creating these additional hours for pupils in Year 11 we can support them to address any gaps in their learning and experience as a result of coronavirus and absence from in person teaching.

Standards for Success September 2021

All pupils will be expected to be in full Academy uniform with equipment, as per our Standards for Success without exception.

In order to effectively support all pupils to meet our Standards for Success when they return in September and to support the need to avoid the sharing of equipment amongst pupils we would ask that all pupils arrive to the Academy prepared for learning with the following items of essential equipment, these include:

- At least one black pen
- A purple pen
- A pencil, ruler and sharpener
- A scientific calculator and protractor
- A reading book that is age appropriate
- A suitable bag in which to carry their books, planner and any specific equipment for practical activities.

In terms of uniform, our high expectations remain the same as this academic year. Specific details of our uniform expectations are available on our website however, for clarity I would ask for your support with the following in preparation for a smooth return to the Academy:

1. Pupils should continue to wear their colour coded lanyards and are expected to return to the Academy with the lanyard they have been issued this academic year. The colours assigned to pupils this academic year will continue into next year. Where required new lanyards will be issued to pupils on their return to the Academy in September.
2. Pupils should continue to bring a suitable face covering with them to the Academy each day. Pupils will then be directed as to if, when and where these should be worn.
3. Pupils are in receipt of the correct uniform (as per the Academy website) and understand how to wear it correctly. This includes ensuring that skirts are of the correct length, are not rolled or bunched at the waist; shirts are long enough to be tucked into trousers and trousers are not skinny fit but are a tailored school trouser.
4. Pupils are in receipt of appropriate school shoes and these should be broken in (worn in advance) so as not to cause blisters. Pupils will not be permitted to change into alternative footwear should this issue arise.
5. Pupils should not wear makeup of any description. This includes artificial nails, fake tan or false eyelashes.
6. Pupils should not wear piercings of any kind.
7. Pupils should not wear jewellery of any kind.
8. Pupils should have appropriate outer wear and all pupils are reminded that no hoodies are permitted.
9. **Pupils should no longer arrive to Academy site in their PE kit.** Our changing room facilities are accessible again and pupils will change into their kit when on site and in PE lessons.

Senior Leaders from within the Academy will continue to greet pupils on the purple line each morning to ensure they are fully prepared and ready for the day's learning.

Should you require any support with uniform in advance of our return in September please contact the Academy via enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org where we will be happy to support you with this.

Travelling to school by bike

Please can we remind parents and pupils that if you travel to school by bike you must wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet that is fastened correctly and conforms to current regulations. Any pupils arriving at the Academy without a helmet will be unable to use the bike sheds. Please refer to the training pupils received earlier this term.



Cycling Safety
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Calendar Dates for 2021/2022

The following represents the confirmed Inset Day arrangements for next academic year with a full breakdown of the term dates and Academy calendar available on our website <https://horbury.accordmat.org/>

- Friday 3 September 2021 – On site Lateral Flow testing of all pupils and students (test 1)
- Monday 6 September 2021 – Inset Day, On site Lateral Flow testing Year 7 pupils 1pm – 3pm
- Tuesday 7 September 2021 - On site Lateral Flow testing of all year 8,9,10 & 11 pupils (test 2) and year 7 Transition and Induction day
- Wednesday 8 September 2021 – All pupils return to lessons
- Friday 22 October 2021 – Inset Day
- Friday 3 December 2021 – Inset Day
- Friday 18 February 2022 – Inset Day
- Monday 25 July 2022 – Inset Day
- Tuesday 26 July 2022 – Inset Day

Please note the additional Inset day for 2021/2022 is in lieu of the Jubilee additional Bank Holiday in May.

Contacting the Academy over the Summer

Whilst the Academy will only be operating with minimal staffing during the summer break, should you need to make contact you can do so by either contacting main reception on 01924 282740 or by emailing enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org. Further to this, please rest assured that it is my intention to communicate with you again during the summer holidays to ensure that all parents, carers, pupils and students are provided with any updated information in relation to our September return.

In conclusion, I would like to take this final opportunity to thank all staff, governors and pupils for their continued positive contributions to Horbury Academy this year. The year has presented our Academy community a variety of challenges and difficulties. Despite the adversity faced, the majority of our pupils have worked incredibly hard either whilst in the Academy or when learning remotely. I would like to also extend my thanks to all our parents/carers and family members of our pupils who have supported the Academy this year in many different ways. I am incredibly proud of our pupils and how resilient and mature they have been in very challenging circumstances.

I hope all pupils and their families have a safe and relaxing summer break, and I very much look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back into the Academy in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nicola Walker
Principal



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Support for Families and Young People

Beat – Support and Information about eating disorders – 0808 8010677.

www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Calm Harm App – An award winning, free app to support people to overcome feelings of anxiety and self harm. Featured on the NHS digital app library and found in the Apple and Play store.

Childline – 0800 1111

Childline provides a free counselling service for young people up to their 19th birthday.

Cruse Bereavement – 0808 8081677

Cruse offers support, information and advice when someone dies.

GASPED - 0845 146 0002 (24-hour confidential helpline).

GASPED is a registered charity established in 1995 offering information, advice, help and support for the parents, partners, families and carers who care for or are affected by a loved one's drug and/or alcohol misuse.

Local Children First Hub – 01924 307 878

Children's First Hub provides support for families in the local area.

255 Barnsley Road, Wakefield WF1 5NU

Email: WFTSouthWestAdmin@wakefield.gov.uk

Website: Family Hubs – www.wakefieldfamiliesaltogether.co.uk/community-support/familyhubs

Kooth – www.kooth.com A website which provides an online counselling service for young people, provided by the NHS.

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000 for adults concerned about a child or 0800 1111 to speak to Childline if you are a young person.

Place2Be – Mental Health Charity. www.place2be.org.uk

Provides resources for parents, including supporting your child starting primary and secondary school.

Samaritans – 116 123 (Helpline) or 01924 377011 for Wakefield Branch.

Open 8am – 10pm to receive callers at the door at 37-39a Charlotte Street, Wakefield, WF1 1UL. Website <http://www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-wakefield-and-district>

Star Bereavement Support Service – 01924 787384 www.starwakefield.org.uk.

Providing Advice, support and counselling for families and young people in our region.

Turning Point Inspiring Futures (Substance Misuse Support) 0300 123 1912 www.turning-point.co.uk/services/wakefield

Wakefield District Domestic Abuse Service - 0800 915 1561

WDDAS <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-peopleservices/domestic-abuse>

Wakefield District Housing - OneCALL 0345 8 507 507. WDH <https://www.wdh.co.uk/ContactUs/>

Wakefield Well Women's Centre – 01924 211114

<http://www.wellwomenwakefield.org.uk>