



**Principal:** Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school during this academic year. As we reach the academic year, I would like to thank all the staff at the school for their hard work during a very challenging year. I would also like to thank the students, parents/carers and families for being so resilient, in the face of the many challenges we have all faced during the last year.

In September, in accordance with Government guidance, we will no longer need to group the students in bubbles for their lessons. Students will be able to move freely around the school for their lessons and will study in specialised areas for their technical and vocational lessons.

### **End of the academic year**

The last day of face to face learning for students in school is today, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Year 10 and Year 12 students have had a series of celebration assemblies in the morning, before collecting their lunches and travelling home. Students have been provided with work to complete during the summer via Teams or, in some cases, on paper. If any students do not have access to a laptop in order to complete their work online, please contact the school so that we can arrange for one to be loaned to you over the summer.

### **Collection of exam results**

Students in Year 13 will collect exam results on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Students in Year 11, and Level 2 students doing resit GCSEs, will collect results on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Year 13 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 9-10am – A-level and Level 3 technical/vocational results**

Students should come in between 9am – 10am to collect results. Members of staff will be available to help students with their university and apprenticeship applications, including any students going through Clearing, to ensure they are supported through to the next stage of their lives.

#### **Year 11 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 9-10am – GCSE and Level 2 technical/vocational results**

Students should come in between the times of 9-10am to collect results and to enrol for Sixth Form.

### **Summer School**

Year 12 Summer School will take place in w/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August and will focus on supporting students taking A-level subjects, since this is where teachers have identified the most significant gaps in learning. The timetable for Summer School sessions and invitation to sign up has been sent out to you by Ms Brian, Senior Vice Principal.



## **Start of the new academic year in September 2021**

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

Inset (staff training) day for staff only – no students on site

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 – New Year 10 students only**

New Year 10 students will arrive at **8.30am** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Students will have an assembly and induction and will have lunch provided by the school. All Year 10 students need to wear full school uniform including blazer, tie and black school shoes.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 – Year 11 students return along with Year 10**

Only Year 10 and Year 11 students will be in school on this day. Students must arrive at 8.30am for an assembly and induction followed by normal lessons. Lunch will be provided. All students need to wear full school uniform including blazer, tie and black leather shoes.

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Year 13 students return along with Year 10 and Year 11**

Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 students will be in school on this day. Year 13 need to arrive at 8.30am in full dress code; their day will start with assembly followed by normal lessons. Year 10 and Year 11 students will have normal lessons all day.

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Year 12 induction along with Year 10, Year 11, and Year 13**

Our new Year 12 students will come in for induction sessions between Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. During this time, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 students will have normal lessons.

## **Covid-19 Testing – September 2021**

When we return in September, students will be tested twice on site for Covid 19 in accordance with government guidance. This will take place on the first day that students return to school, following by a second test 3-5 days later. Parents and students will be asked to re-consent to testing, via an electronic form on MS Forms, before students take part in the testing programme.

## **Uniform and dress code**

Please remind students that they must wear correct uniform and dress code at all times. Detailed information about the school's uniform and dress code is available on the school's website.

- Students are not permitted to wear trainers, sandals or high-heeled shoes
- Students must not wear jeans, hoodies, hats or caps within the school building
- Students must not wear coats or scarves (apart from headscarves worn for religious or cultural reasons)
- Students are not permitted to use mobile phones or headphones inside the school building



### Homework

Students have been set homework for the summer holidays in all subject areas. This will either consist of work set via MS Teams or hard copies. Please do encourage them to complete this before the start of term in September, to ensure they start the next academic year on track to achieve the best possible grades.

### Lateral Flow Testing

**Please encourage students to continue to take their Lateral Flow Tests twice a week during the summer holidays. All results – negative or positive are to be registered on the Government website - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.**

If your child tests positive, please register this on the Government website and then let the school know as soon as possible. Do not send your child to school if they have a positive test result. **If your child becomes ill and receives a positive test result for Covid19, please email [info@mulberryutc.org](mailto:info@mulberryutc.org) with the details.**

**The details must include your child's name, tutor group and the positive test result that was sent to you by Public Health England in your email. You may also take a screen shot of this.**

Please go on to our website and click on the special section called Covid 19 for all up to date advice and guidance from the Department for Education and from Public Health England and from the school.

Thank you once again for all your ongoing support for the school, which is very much appreciated. It has been a challenging year for everyone but I am extremely proud of the way in which our students, staff and community have dealt with the challenges they have faced. We will enter the new school year with a sense of excitement and optimism about the fantastic things our students will achieve during the next phase of their studies.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent  
Principal