



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable half term break. We were delighted to be able to welcome Year 10 and Year 12 students back to school after the half term holiday. We also have some Year 11 and Year 13 students in school completing assessments and other activities.

### **Year 11 trip to Thorpe Park**

Just before the half term break, Year 11 students took part in an extremely successful trip to Thorpe Park. Students' behaviour was excellent and they were perfect ambassadors for the school and their families. We were pleased to be able to arrange this event for students, to recognise all their hard work and the incredible resilience they have shown over the last two years.

### **Sixth Form graduation celebration**

The school was also able to hold a graduation celebration for those Sixth Form students who are completing their courses this year. This was held at the school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and was a formal event with refreshments provided by the school.

### **Arrangements for students in Year 10 and Year 12**

Students in Year 10 and Year 12 have now been placed into House tutor groups (Ash, Elm or Oak). All students are required to register each morning with their House tutor at 8.40am. During registration time, students take part in a range of activities aimed at supporting them with their learning, progress and personal development. Students and tutors have enjoyed moving into their new groups and we are sure this will be a positive change for all of them.

### **Jack Petchey Award winners**

We have recently announced the winners of Jack Petchey Awards in Year 10 and Year 12. The students winning these awards have a sum of £250 to spend on an event for their year groups, which will take place this term and which will be an opportunity for the whole year group to celebrate together.



### **End of the summer term and collection of exam results**

The end of the summer term will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Students in Year 13 will return to school to collect exam results on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Students in Year 11 will collect their results on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. More information about the collection of exam results will be sent out later this term.

### **Summer School**

We will be running a Summer School during week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August. This will provide our current Year 10 and Year 12 students with the opportunity to undertake some additional academic work, as well as some fun and creative activities. More information about this will be sent out to you shortly.

### **Wearing of face-masks in school**

Within the Mulberry Schools Trust, we are continuing to ask students and staff to wear face-masks in school, both in corridors and in classrooms. This is a precaution we have decided to take, owing to the presence of new variants and rising infection rates within the local area. We will continue to review the situation, but at present we do not anticipate changing this requirement before the summer holiday.

### **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

Thank you once again for all your ongoing support for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

**Principal**