

24 August 2020

TO ALL Y11 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Principal of The JCB Academy and am excited to join such an inspiring school community.

From my experience of being a Principal for the last nine years, I know that a successful and happy community depends on us all working together. I look forward to continuing the efforts to help and support you and your son/daughter through this strange and challenging time.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we are here to listen and respond to any suggestions and concerns you may have so please do not hesitate to contact us by email to office@jcbacademy.com or on 01889 506100.

In order to support your son/daughter with the transition to their Y11 studies, the academy has put in a place a number of changes relating to how learners are distributed across the house groups.

Following a review of how our curriculum is delivered and how we could provide effective support for all learners, we have taken the opportunity to redistribute learners across the houses following a pathway model linked to ability. This decision has been made in order to allow us to be able to provide targeted support to all learners across the ability spectrum, particularly in the key core subjects.

Further detail will be provided to learners in relation to the house changes and the pathway model on their return; this letter is being sent in order to inform you in advance of changes that will be taking place to the house structure.

As a result, a large number of learners will be allocated to a different house than they were in last year when they return on 27 August 2020 and will be given a new tie at no extra cost to represent their new house. PE clothing will not need to be changed and no other changes will need to be made in relation to uniform.

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From a pastoral support perspective, there will be some change with respect to the allocation of mentors. However, where there is a specific need to maintain a mentor and learner link this will be honoured under the changes that are being suggested.

We are very conscious of the sensitivities that exist at this challenging time in relation to returning to full time education and as always will support all learners with their transition to Y11. This change to the house structure is only one of a number of initiatives that we will be putting in place over the course of the first term in order to support your son/daughter with their GCSE studies. More information will become available in relation to this over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J McGuirk
Principal