

26 August 2021

TO ALL Y10 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

A very warm welcome back to all our families, we hope that you have all had a good break. We have had the pleasure of two fabulous exam result days for our Y11 and Y13 learners and our new Y11 learners have had a head start to their year this week.

A special welcome to our new Y10 learners who will experience a host of exciting induction activities which will ensure that they settle in very quickly.

Our new Y10 learners will join us on Tuesday, 31 August 2021 and our current learners who are moving up into Y10 will start back on Thursday, 2 September 2021. We are all aware that learners missed out greatly at the end of last term due to the cancellation of activities and we have planned a range of team building and subject specific activities which will hopefully invigorate learners' enthusiasm for the year ahead and support the cohesion of the year group.

- COVID safety measures

We are all looking forward to a new term without COVID restrictions and your support of all the safety measures described below is greatly appreciated:

- **Learners will need to have carried out two lateral flow tests, 3-5 days apart, prior to getting on the academy bus next week.** Test kits are available on the NHS website (www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) or from any pharmacy.
- All learners and staff will need to carry out a lateral flow test twice weekly at home and learners will be issued with additional test kits next week.
- Learners are advised to continue to wear masks on the academy buses.
- Learners can choose to continue to wear a mask in the academy if they wish to.
- Learners who test positive on a lateral flow test **must not** come into the academy and must take a PCR test. They will need to remain at home until they receive a negative result.
- There is no requirement for learners to isolate if they are a close contact with someone who has tested positive, but learners can help protect others by getting a PCR test and limiting close contact with other people outside their household, especially in enclosed spaces.

Please note that the academy will take extra action should cases within the academy start to rise.

- Changes to house groups

In order to accommodate the increase in size of Y10 each academic year, it is sometimes necessary to move learners across houses and groups in order to provide the best learning opportunities and correct level of support; these decisions involve a great deal of thought. Please be assured that if your son/daughter has been subject to a move this is with the best of intention and the pastoral team will be happy to discuss the reasoning behind the decision should any learners or parents/carers have any concerns. All learners will be allocated to their house and tutor group on their first day at the academy and the initial part of the morning will be spent in tutor groups. If a new house tie is needed, this will be provided free of charge. There will be no need to change PE kit.

- Y10 Information Evening

Parents/carers are warmly invited to attend the Y10 Information Evening on Thursday, 2 September 2021 when you will have the opportunity to meet with myself and the Y10 team. We will outline the vision for the year and how your son/daughter will be supported and nurtured to achieve their very best. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and to find out about the provision for extension activities planned for the year. To book your place at the evening, please click on the link below and follow the instructions (please note the maximum number of spaces we are able to offer each family is limited to three).

<https://jcb-academy.com/year-10-parents-information-evening-sept-2021/>

I look forward to meeting you on 2 September and I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J McGuirk
Principal