

26 August 2021

## TO ALL Y9 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 Y11 learners have had a head start to their year this week.

A special welcome to our new Y9 learners who will experience a host of exciting induction activities which will ensure that they settle in very quickly.

Our Y9 learners will join us on Tuesday, 31 August 2021 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](https://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.

- Y9 Parent Information Evening

Parents/carers are warmly invited to attend the Y9 Information Evening on Thursday, 23 September 2021 when you will have the opportunity to meet with myself and the Y9 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-9-parents-information-evening/>

- Welcome Video

I am aware that learners missed out on their familiarisation visits to the academy last term and we have put together a short video to help them prepare for next week.

<https://youtu.be/0n352xwED1A>

I look forward to meeting you on 23 September and to an exciting week with learners next week.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J McGuirk  
Principal