



**Central Academy**  
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2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a good summer and are ready for the start of a new academic year. We have had a really busy summer with lots to celebrate and I cannot wait to write to you early next term in our first newsletter of the academic year. I would like to welcome our new Year 7 parents to the school and hope you and your child are excited about starting their secondary journey here at Central.

Before the summer break, I did write to parents outlining the return to school and I am pleased that we have made no changes to the plan. Below is a reminder on some key information for the return to school.

#### **Student Return Dates**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 return

The school site opens at 08:15 and students enter via Lismore Place. At 08:25 the school day begins and any students arriving late must go to main reception to sign in.

At 08:25 students will line up (like the fire drill) in forms on the astro-turf to be handed their timetables. Years 11, 12 & 13 will then go to lessons at 08:35. Year 7 students will have an assembly before having Period 1 with their form tutor. The school day will then run as normal.

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September – All Students Return**

The school site opens at 08:15 and students enter via Lismore Place. At 08:25 the school day begins and any students arriving late must go to main reception to sign in.

At 08:25 students will line up (like the fire drill) in forms on the astro-turf to meet their tutor and get ready for the day ahead. Students will then be escorted to their form rooms for our reintegration during Period 1. From Period 2 the school day will then run as normal.

#### **The School Day**

A reminder the school day will be changing from September in-line with DfE guidance and to enhance students learning experience and provide them with enough time to embed deep concepts. Below is the school day:



Years 8, 10, 12 & 13		Years 7, 9, 11	
Activity	Time of Day	Activity	Time of Day
Tutor Briefing	08:25 – 08:35	Tutor Briefing	08:25 – 08:35
Lesson 1	08:35 – 10.15	Lesson 1	08.35 – 10.15
Lesson 2	10.15 – 12.15	Break	10.15 – 10.35
Break within Lesson 2	11.05 – 11.25	Lesson 2	10.35 – 12.15
Tutor Time/Reading	12.15 – 12.50	Lunch	12.15 – 12.45
Lunch	12.50 – 13.20	Tutor Time/Reading	12.45 – 13.20
Lesson 3	13.20 – 15.00	Lesson 3	13.20 – 15.00

You will see that we are allocating time with tutors during the school day alongside our whole school reading programme. A reminder the school site will be open from 08:10 until 16:30 for students to allow for our breakfast club and any extra-curricular activities.

### Uniform

A reminder our uniform expectations can be found on our school website [HERE](#). In our recent newsletter we provided a number of ways you can request support purchasing your school uniform. A reminder if you are entitled to free school meals you can receive a grant for school uniform via the County Council – this is a quick and easy process and can remove some of the financial pressures within our school community.

In addition, we are very much aware that some families that do not meet the threshold may need further financial support. Therefore, please email [uniform@rrca.org.uk](mailto:uniform@rrca.org.uk) and we will see what we can do to help. We are also very lucky to have a “boot room” full of second-hand uniform in a range of sizes available. We would also welcome any donations to be able to continue supporting families moving forward.

If you have ordered uniform to be delivered to school, you can collect uniform from 12:00 – 15:00 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September or from 09:00 – 15:00 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We do advise all students to bring their PE kit on the first day just in case they have a PE lesson. If you have any queries, please contact our uniform mailbox at [uniform@rrca.org.uk](mailto:uniform@rrca.org.uk)

Students should also have an appropriate school bag, large enough to hold an A4 book and appropriate equipment must be brought to school every day ie pen, pencil and school ID card. A rucksack is recommended.

### Breakfast, Break & Lunch

We are pleased to announce that our full catering service will be back this term. The Academy will open from 08:10 – 08:20 for breakfast in the school canteen and this will start from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Students will also be able to take advantage of snacks at breaktime as well as a meal at lunchtime. More information including our price list is on the school website [HERE](#). If you are new to the school, parent pay information will have been issued to you however, if anyone has not received this information please contact our Reception or email [info@rrca.org.uk](mailto:info@rrca.org.uk).

### Bike Safety

Many students travel to the Academy using bikes. This will continue to operate the same way as last academic year. Please refer [HERE](#) for key information about cycle routes to and from school. It is vital that students wear

the appropriate safety equipment including a helmet when travelling to and from school as the roads around the city centre are very busy, especially at the end of the school day. We also cannot accommodate any electric scooters on school site as this method of travel is illegal.

### **Principal's Live Broadcast – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

We will run a live broadcast to outline the year for all year groups, topics will include:

- Key staff introductions
- Academy expectations – including standards, uniform and attendance
- Rewards
- Assessments and Parents' Evening
- Attendance
- Curriculum and the school day
- Education with Character
- Homework
- Key contacts

The session will run live from 17:00 – 18:00 and a recording will be shared on our website. Live participants will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. Links to the live broadcast will be on the school website.

Thanks again for all of your support over the summer. We are really excited to welcome students back to the Academy for a new term and a new year. However, if you have any questions feel free to email the school email on [info@rrca.org.uk](mailto:info@rrca.org.uk) and a member of staff will contact you with a response.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break!

Kind regards



**Mr Markham**  
**Principal**