



Olive AP Academy
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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we near the end of the summer term I wanted to share news about the academy, the summer break and plans for the new academic year in September.

These last few months have been truly challenging time for our whole academy community. I want to express my thanks to you for all that you have done at home. It has been tough for everyone to try to keep home learning on track and manage family life during lockdown. Our academy has remained open since the lockdown began – and all the staff here at the academy have been so pleased to see more and more of our pupils returning to our academy building over this term.

The most recent government guidance is clear – all schools will be open in as normal a way as possible from September. All children and young people will be expected to attend their school or academy as normal from September.

Here at Olive AP Academy – Suffolk we have produced a personal plan for each pupil in September to help them with transition back into academy life. This plan and timetable will be shared with you and you will receive a call from a member of your child's teaching team before the end of term. They will share details for the start of the next academic year with you.

We don't know for certain what the coming months will bring but what I can promise is that we have good plans in place for all our pupils, in all eventualities. We will always be ready to react quickly, to look after everyone in the academy's wellbeing and safety and to make sure that our pupils' learning programmes are not disrupted.

Our academy will be closed for the majority of the summer holiday. Our last day for students is Tuesday 21st July at 12.00 noon. The Academy will be open for Year 11 on Monday 20th July for a leavers activity and post 16 readiness discussions.

Should you or your child need to contact a member of our staff or need any help during the summer holidays you can leave a message for us on 01449 613931 and a member of staff will call you back as soon as they can. You can also email the academy team during the summer holiday at info.suffolk@oliveacademies.org.uk . We will do all that we can to support to you through the summer break. Attached is the Summer Sizzler outlining activities for your children to engage with around the county. Also included are useful numbers and contacts should you need them over the break.

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Those who qualify for free school meals, you will receive food vouchers and food parcels by the end of July. The total for the seven weeks is £105 – **please note the vouchers have a redeem date by 13th August. The money must be spent by then or you will lose it.**

Year 11 will receive their exam results on Thursday 20 August 2020. I have sent a separate letter to Year 11 outlining the process for collection. Staff will be present at the Academy on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August to answer questions and queries about how to enrol at your new centre of learning, next steps etc. Mrs Lewis will have already been in contact. I am pleased to announce that we will be supporting our Year 11s further this summer and into next term with a mentoring programme. Mentors will be working with our Year 11s through the autumn term as they move on to further education, training or apprenticeships.

If you are worried about the welfare of a child or young person over the summer, please contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/nspcc-helpline/>

Please don't hesitate to ask anyone at Olive Academies for any advice or support you or your family may need. We will always do all that we can to support you. I will be writing to parents in the coming week to confirm arrangements for the phased return in September.

I hope that everyone has a good summer and stays well and healthy. All the staff here at the academy are excited about the start of the new school year in September. I hope that we can build on the achievements and the resilience that so many of our pupils have shown during these difficult months. We have a fantastic year ahead to look forward to.

Yours faithfully,



Mike Piper
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