

August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your family are safe and well and that you have a great Summer. Following the letter, we sent dated the 16th July 2020, we wanted to communicate to you the updates that have taken place since the end of term.

Year 11 and Year 13 Results 2020

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have secured their GCSE, BTEC and A level qualifications. Despite a very different year, each grade has been thoroughly deserved and we wanted to ensure we formally recognize their achievements. It is wonderful to hear of individual success stories, especially our Year 13 students who, after spending seven years as part of the Pool Hayes family, have secured their first choice of university place. We wish all students our best wishes for the future as they embark on further education, training or employment. We look forward to hearing about their future successes. We also look forward to many of our Year 11 students returning to our Sixth Form in September to start their Post 16 studies.

Lunch and Catering Facilities from September 2020

To ensure that students from different year groups maintain their 'bubbles' during the academy day we will be operating a different system for catering facilities on site. A necessary development of our catering service sees a pre-order system being planned and put into place. Once you have logged onto the school money site you will need to click onto dinners and then the 'lunch and break' icon. You will then be able to place orders for the week. All food orders made through the new system will be delivered to the corresponding classrooms on the respective day at lunchtime. Students will not be able to place orders on the day or on site so it is imperative that if students will be having lunch from our catering providers, the order has taken place as expected. We will work, in form time, with students whose families do not have internet access to enable them to preorder their lunches. We operate a 'cashless' system at the academy and therefore no cash payments are accepted on site. All students purchasing from the academy menu will need to ensure that funds are credited via SchoolMoney in a timely manner. Students eligible for free school meals will not need to add credit to their accounts. Any students wishing to bring in a packed lunch will still be able to do so. Please note, we will not currently be offering a break time food service. We will continually review catering arrangements throughout the term to ensure we are doing all that we can to support our students and their families. If you have any queries or issues please e-mail s.betts@poolhayes.atrust.org.uk

PE Changing Facilities Update

After thorough planning over the Summer break from our PE team and by completing detailed risk assessments with our Estates team, we are pleased to confirm that students will be able to use our changing room facilities in order to be able to change into their full PE kit, when required, for their PE lessons from September 2020. This means students will not be required to wear their PE kit to the academy on the days they have PE on their timetable. However, please be aware that there will be changes to the PE curriculum from September, to support social distancing guidelines. More details of PE lessons from September will be given to your child from the PE department, when they return to us after the holiday.

Bereavement

It is with a great deal of sadness that we inform you of the death of one of our beloved staff members, Clive Gould. Clive was an outstanding staff member who cared very deeply about the success and wellbeing of each and every one of our students. We will all miss him very much and will spend many difficult moments grieving his loss. We will be considering how best to celebrate his life, and contribution to our academy. The SEND department, with whom Clive worked very closely will work with individual students who may need support at this time. We will arrange for counsellors, as required to support any students who may need this. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel your child requires additional support from the academy, following this news. We are in regular communication with Clive's family and ask that we all respect their privacy at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Staffing Updates:

We are sad to see a number of our staff leave the academy who are either relocating or who are starting new career opportunities. We wish them well in their new ventures.

Mr Ahmad – Faculty Leader of Technologies

Mrs Vila – Teacher of Spanish

Miss Crinean – Teacher of Spanish

Miss Thandi – Teacher of Humanities

We also wish the following staff well as they start their maternity leave:

Miss Sarginson

Miss Butler

Mrs Critchley

Mrs Gardner

Miss Bruce

Miss Feeley

New staff for 2020/2021

We are delighted to welcome the following members of staff to the Pool Hayes team:

Mr Peters - Teacher of Geography
Mr Pitt – Teacher of Humanities
Miss Imray – Teacher of English
Miss Shakespeare – Teacher of Mathematics
Miss Solanki – Teacher of Spanish
Mr Evans - Internal Cover Supervisor
Miss Hodgkins – Principal's PA
Miss Southall - HR/Finance Administrator

We are looking forward to all our students fully returning to us at the start of the term. Please see below a reminder of when students are due to return to us.

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 start

Year 7 and Year 12 – Arrive by 8.40am

Year 7 use main gate entrance
Year 12 use entrance on Pool Hayes Lane

Year 11 and 13 – Arrive by 9.30am

Year 11 use main gate entrance
Year 13 use entrance on Pool Hayes Lane

Thursday 3rd September 2020 - All year groups attend

We will not stagger starts from Thursday 3rd September 2020 as students naturally arrive at different times. Therefore, all students should arrive by 8.40am.

Entrance points are as follows:

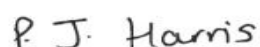
Main gate: Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11

Entrance on Pool Hayes Lane: Year 12 & Year 13

Please refer to the letter sent out to all parents and carers dated the 16th July 2020 for further details. This letter, along with all updated risk assessments, can also be found on our website.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. We hope you enjoy the remainder of the Summer. We look forward to the start of our new academic year and are excited to have all our students returning to school.

Yours sincerely,



P Harris
Principal