

**Dear Parents and Carers**

Finally, we have reached the end of the academic year and what a wonderful year it has been seeing a complete year through, without any lockdowns. The staff and students are exhausted, particularly after the extreme heat we have experienced this week.

I hope you all have a relaxing summer holiday and enjoy going wherever you want to without any COVID restrictions. I look forward to seeing all students return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, rested and ready for another year of hard work.

Best wishes

**Liz Furber**  
Executive Principal

**Dear Parents and Carers**

This is the final newsletter of what has been a relatively normal year. Whilst COVID has still affected many students, staff and families, we have not faced the disruption of the previous two academic years, with public examinations taking place for the first time since 2019. I want to praise all those students who have worked so hard and overcome the recent challenges; I firmly believe they will be appropriately rewarded when the results come out in late August. My thanks to all parents and carers who have supported their child(ren) during this academic year - the 3-way relationship between student, school and home remains vital.

These past few weeks have been somewhat tumultuous in a political sense and will remain so, I suspect, until well into the start of the next academic year. I note that, since the Academy officially opened in 2009, there have been nine Secretaries of State for Education! None of them has been in post long enough to see through a whole cohort of students, even from Year 7 to Year 11, let alone into Years 12 and 13. You will recall the shortest serving one was just a couple of days! By contrast, during that same time period, the Academy has had just two Principals: Tom Waterworth and Liz Furber. Both happen to have seen through a full cohort of students, which in itself is quite unusual in today's education world. My colleague governors and I are deeply grateful for the commitment and dedication shown by them, especially by Liz Furber in the exceptional period we have recently experienced. What I also want to acknowledge is the on-going support of our local MP, Andrew Selous, who is a tremendous advocate for All Saints and all we are trying to achieve.

We have heard a lot recently about loyalty, one of the core values that we seek to instil and embrace. I am deeply grateful to all the staff who have remained loyal to the Academy throughout its journey. I am also grateful to all those parents and carers who entrust the education of their child(ren) to us; your on-going loyalty is much appreciated. For those students and their families whose time with us has come to a natural end (either leaving Year 11 or Year 13), I wish you all the very best for the future. For those leaving part way through the normal cycle to seek pastures new, I hope you will find the educational experience you are seeking. Embracing new ventures can be full of both excitement and uncertainty and, unlike politicians who seem to chop and change positions at the drop of a hat, our students cannot backtrack on their journey through compulsory education. As an Academy, we remain committed to supporting them on that journey in whatever way we can.

In closing, can I wish you and your family a restful and relaxing summer holiday. As I have written previously, these are extremely challenging times, but I hope you get the opportunity to experience things that are not part of the daily norm during the next few weeks.

Best wishes

**David Fraser**  
Chair of Governors

### Summer Showcase

At the start of July the Arts faculty held its first 'Summer Arts Showcase'. We took on the challenge with four weeks to go and started a Year 7 choir and reassembled our cheerleading squad, all the time hoping that it would fall into place on the night. And WOW, what a night! It was a sell-out show, the Year 7 choir performed as if they had been rehearsing for months, we had solo performers and groups singing, a band, military drumming, our fabulous Year 10 dancers, piano solos and the highlight of the show – our cheerleading squad. The audience were treated to canapés served by Food students and a wonderful exhibition of GCSE/A Level art and photography work. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity. The highlight for me came at the end of the show when all performers were together and we did a reprise of 'shotgun'. To stand there and see all our young performers giving it their all and the reaction of our audience, clapping and singing along, made me extremely proud of the students and the Arts team that contributed to the success of this evening.



**Lesley Peacock**  
Director of Arts

### Awards Evening

Following two years without an Awards Evening due to COVID restrictions, we were pleased to be able to invite students and their families to this year's Awards Evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Alongside our special awards where students received a trophy, we also rewarded two students from each tutor group for attainment and engagement. Students received an attainment award for achieving the highest point score for their latest set of Working at Grades, while engagement rewarded students with the highest net points when behaviour points were deducted from House points. Students were given a book of their choice as their prize. We were pleased that both the Mayor of Dunstable and the Mayor of Houghton Regis were able to attend and hand out rewards to the students.



Once the official part of the evening had finished, all students and guests were invited to join us for refreshments in the canteen, where we were able to open the doors onto the patio area and enjoy the lovely evening. The Reflection Centre garden was also open if anyone wanted to visit. We are proud of all students at the Academy, but would like to say an extra well done to those students who received an award on the evening.



**Denise Greenhood**  
Academy Services Manager

### Farewell Year 11s

The Year 11 Prom was held in Woburn Safari Lodge on 7<sup>th</sup> July and it was a spectacular night. The students were stunning in their best dress, representing themselves exceptionally well and making us proud of their



conduct as well as their comradery. Special congratulations to our Prom King and Queen: Mason Spinks and Demi Peat. Another memorable event from an amazing year group! We look forward to seeing you on results day, Thursday 25th August.

**Victoria Lake**  
Head of Year 11

### Whipsnade Zoo Trip

Despite the heat, we were able to reschedule the Year 7 trip to Whipsnade zoo this week. The students had a wonderful time, with some students seeing animals they had not seen before including a wolverine and boars. Students were able to enjoy the butterfly tunnel, see the birds of prey show, interact with the penguins and take some selfies with a rhino! The day was still a hot one but the students did not let this stop them enjoying a fabulous day out!

The whole of Year 7's behaviour was impeccable and they were a real credit to the Academy. Well done to them and I hope they have a wonderful summer break.

**Rob Gould**  
Director of Transition

### Uniform

A reminder of our uniform 'swap shop' facility at the Academy. We would welcome donations of any items of uniform in reusable condition that can be exchanged by parents/carers to help reduce uniform costs to our families. If buying new uniform from our suppliers, parents/carers can arrange stock to be delivered to the Academy and we can also help with trying items on for sizing queries. Please contact Ms Herd on 01582 697615 or [aherd@asadunstable.org](mailto:aherd@asadunstable.org) who can offer support.

**Anita Herd**  
Welfare & Safeguarding Officer

~ First day of term ~

**Monday 5th  
September 2022**  
**for ALL students**

## Chaplain Message

**Summer 2022 “May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord show you His kindness and have mercy on you. May the Lord watch over you and give you peace”**

### Numbers Chapter 6, Verses 24-26



For the last two years we have been thinking and hoping that we would be settling down to start to enjoy the summer, while hoping that there would be a start to a sense of “normality” (whatever that now means) come the new academic year in September!

This academic year has been the first uninterrupted one since the 2018/19 academic year, and yet I write this during the afternoon of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July as we have sent the students home early because of the unprecedented heatwave! It seems that no matter how much control we might want to exert on something, there will always be some things that are beyond our control. Because of this pretty much completed academic year, it can seem longer than usual and I sense a general greater sense of tiredness. I do not need to tell you about how disruptive the last couple of years have been to so many people in so many situations and contexts, not just for school and home life. I am sure each of you have your own stories to tell but what we know is that, throughout it all, God is still in control. The Bible is full of stories of people overcoming some of the most dire adversities you could imagine, showing great courage, resilience, and strength. Students, parents/carers and staff have demonstrated some of these wonderful characteristics too. Well done! As we head into the summer, I am sure God would want to say “well done” to you too! Without going into all the reasons as to why God might allow these sorts of things to happen in the first place (if you want to chat with me about that then I am more than willing to listen), it is of great comfort to know that He knows and understands all our issues as He walked this earth and faced the same sorts of concerns as we did in the person of Jesus Christ. The best thing is He wants the very best for us. Look at what you have come through! Look at the new skills and resilience you have discovered! God wants to bless you through your life - and often it is through adversity that we grow strongest. I want to give God some credit for that! Maybe we could all try to look out to see how God might be looking after us this summer.

### Prayer:

Dear God Thank You for knowing and understanding all our feelings and emotions. Please help us to remember that You are always in control whatever the situation we face and so please help us to look to You for help. We ask that You would allow us to be the help for others too. Please help keep us safe during the summer and grant us a relaxing and refreshing time.

Amen.



**Revd. Tim Davis: School Chaplain**



## Looking Ahead

**Thursday 18th August**  
A-Level Results

**Thursday 25th August**  
GCSE Results

**Thursday 1st September**  
INSET Day  
(Academy closed to students)

**Friday 2nd September**  
INSET Day  
(Academy closed to students)

**Monday 5th September**  
Students return

## Vaccination Clinics

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust have advised that the catch-up clinics to the left are running over the summer holidays. Please be advised these clinics are by appointment only and they will not accept drop-ins. Parents/carers should call **0300 790 0594** to book an appointment.

### Bedford Clinics

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	9.00am- 3.00pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm

### Central Clinics

Ampthill - Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	12pm – 4pm
Sandy - Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm
Ampthill – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	11am – 4pm
Sandy - Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm

### Luton Clinics

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	1pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30pm

### Milton Keynes Clinics

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	9.30am – 3.30 pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	9.30am - 3.30pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	10am – 3pm

## Systems Maintenance

During the first week of the summer holiday, we will be having routine maintenance carried out on our electrical systems. This means that staff at the Academy will not be able to send or receive emails during this week and we advise that you wait until the following week before sending any communications.

## Vaccinations Reminder

NHS England have been in touch to ask all parents/carers to contact them if any children did not receive their Meningitis ACWY & DTP vaccines. To check if your child is up to date you can contact the team by phoning 01462 427008 or emailing them on

[Vaccinationhertfordshire@evguk.co.uk](mailto:Vaccinationhertfordshire@evguk.co.uk)

**Elisa Tolman**  
PA to Leadership

## Contact Details for the Academy's Uniform Supplier

Uniform can be ordered by visiting Prestige's shop or ordering online. Please note that Prestige are operating an appointment system if you wish to visit the shop and more details can be found on their website.

*Prestige Design & Workwear Ltd*  
*Unit 12, Barton Industrial Estate*  
*Faldo Road*  
*Barton-le-Clay*  
*Bedford MK45 4RP*  
*01582 883222*

[Prestige Design & Workwear Ltd \(prestigedesignwww.co.uk\)](http://prestigedesignwww.co.uk)

# Academic Calendar - 2022/2023

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

Training Day

September 2022						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

October 2022						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

November 2022						
Mon	7	14	21	28		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

December 2022						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

January 2023						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thu	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

February 2023						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22		
Thu	2	9	16	23		
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

March 2023						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

April 2023						
Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

May 2023						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

June 2023						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

July 2023						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

August 2023						
Mon	7	14	21	28		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
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Sun	6	13	20	27		



HRTC PRESENTS:

# MOVIE NIGHT

**JULY 26th 2022**  
Houghton Hall Park  
Houghton Regis

**TICKETS £1**  
Pay on the day!

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INNOVATIVE AV SOLUTIONS

**MOVIE TIMES:**  
Encanto 4pm  
Sonic the Hedgehog 6.15pm

Houghton Regis Town Council

**FREE EVENT!**  
**REGISTER on the day**  
Music by DJ BIG Man Craig

**SKATE JAM**  
Skate Boards - BMX - Scooter Competition  
**25th JULY 2022**  
**TITHE FARM SKATE PARK**

Judging & performing  
**3SIXTY**  
BICYCLE STUNT TEAM

Great prizes for the best stunts and tricks!

\*Parents note participants enter at their own risk  
Skate competition rules require all participants to have parental consent  
Safety helmets and arm and leg protection must be worn, but are provided to use on the day.  
Register for the competition on the day.  
Consent forms will be available  
First Aid facilities on site.

\*For more information email: info@houghtonregis.org.uk

**RAZZAMATAZ THEATRE SCHOOLS**

# Summer School

**Give the Gift of Confidence This Summer!**  
**August 15th - August 19th**  
**10am - 1pm (Ages 4-8) 10am - 4pm (Ages 9-18)**  
**Linslade Lower School**  
**Promo code LB10 for 10% discount!**  
**Contact leightonbuzzard@razzamataz.co.uk to find out more!**

## School Holiday Activities

Help for all school parents/carers looking for activities to entertain their children during the summer holidays can be found at

<https://clubhubuk.co.uk/listings/holiday-activities/>

We have thousands of holiday activities listed with the majority of them offering activities for free or with huge discounts available.

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Central  
Bedfordshire

## Parenting Insight

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance on supporting positive body image in children



Guest Speakers Gemma Byass and Rebecca Gooch  
CBC Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioners

Parent session Tuesday 30th August 2022  
4.30 – 5.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/377822185327>

Register for you place via the Eventbrite link below  
Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:  
For more information, please contact  
North Early Help [northearyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:northearyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

Central  
Bedfordshire

## Parenting Insight

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance on root causes of anger and how it might be expressed



Guest Speaker Gemma Byass  
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

Parent session Wednesday 10th August  
1-2pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/383891037427>

Register for you place via the Eventbrite link below  
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### Anxiety around Transition



Guest Speaker Rebecca Gooch Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

Parent session Thursday 25th August 2022  
4.00 – 5.00pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for you place via the Eventbrite link below  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/371172305357>

Resources will be sent out after each session

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North Early Help [southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

## PARENT SPACE A FREE VIRTUAL SESSION FOR PARENTS



Every Wednesday during the school summer holidays, offering

opportunity to talk to Early Help Family Partners, and ask questions around the topics that matter to you as parents.

Dates: Wednesday 27th July and Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st August

Time: 9.30am-10.30am



Please click on the Microsoft Teams Link to access the sessions:

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

For further information please email: [southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)