

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you are all well and that you have been able to take some time over Easter to spend with family and perhaps to enjoy the sunshine as we continue to adjust to the new circumstances that we find ourselves in. We would like to thank you for your support and patience as we transition to learning from home.

We are aware that there is lots of information and discussion taking place about home learning and the expectations on students and parents. As we adapt to new ways of working, I wanted to take the chance to say thank you for the role you are playing in supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time. It is important to recognise that this is not 'home schooling' and we are not expecting parents to recreate the school experience at home, rather to support students in taking part in learning. Hopefully you will have had chance to speak to your child's tutor over the last week. We hope this is welcomed contact for both you and your child; it is your opportunity to discuss anything concerns you have so these can be shared with the most relevant staff member in school. Please remember that our school voicemail and email inbox is monitored during normal working hours so you can still contact us, should you need to.

From next week we have decided to create a more streamlined timetable that should support you and your child to create a structure for the day, this is not the same as a school timetable and should allow you to build the important family time into your daily routines. Alongside looking at airhead ([www.gat.airhead.io](http://www.gat.airhead.io)) and Microsoft Teams we would always recommend a variety of activities which could include some physical activities, some reading or other relaxing activity such as watching a film and something more creative or helping around the home. The new timetable is attached to this letter. Our staff are tracking work and communicating with students offering support so please do get in touch with the relevant staff member if you have any subject specific queries. There are more resources being released all the time, you may have seen in the news about the new BBC resources and we will continue to update our website with information that comes in to the academy. We will also continue to update you as and when new information is released by the Government around the re-opening of schools.

This term would normally be the time your child would be speaking to specific staff and choosing certain Options for study into GCSE. We are going to manage our Options process remotely and allow you and your child to read specifics of the courses, watch videos from staff and ask questions. All information on options will be uploaded to the website including a timeline, options forms and a dedicated email address ([options@skegnessacademy.org](mailto:options@skegnessacademy.org)) where you can ask questions if you are unable to find the answers elsewhere.

From September 2020, our uniform supplier has changed, and all Skegness Academy uniform will be available from the Nationwide School Uniforms in Spilsby. I decided to change supplier as we were able to secure a reduction in price from our new, local supplier, ensuring that the cost for you is as competitive as possible. If you are struggling to meet the cost of the uniform, we can offer financial support to some families. An application should be made in writing (letter or email), addressed FAO: Todd Johnson.

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There have been some subtle changes to the uniform from September 2020 which I wanted to make you aware of:

- Ties – the ties will be linked to Key Stages from September, not Houses. One tie for Year 7, 8 and 9. One tie for Year 10 and 11 and another for the Sixth Form
- Jumpers remain optional. These are now plain black, V neck and have the academy logo. They no longer have the grey fleck running through the collar
- Blazers are compulsory for Year 7 to 11. Sixth Form students will no longer be required to wear a blazer, they will have a Grey jumper with the academy logo
- Only skirts with the academy embroidery will be accepted as uniform from September. These can only be purchased from Nationwide School Uniforms. Trousers can be purchased from any supplier but must be formal trousers and not jeans/cord material.

Can I also take the opportunity to remind you that our Facebook and Twitter pages are the best way of keeping up to date with any developments so please follow us if you have not yet done so. Our weekly challenges are released via social media too; have a go, there are prizes to be won. We are also keen to know what you are doing at home so please send us examples of work or activities you have been involved in, we'd love to share this with our community. Look out for the baking greats (and disasters) from the current 'Skegness Academy Bake-Off' as we receive entries from the staff!

We hope that this information is helpful, we are keen to support you as best as we can at this time.

Please do take care and be safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Johnson  
Principal

Year 8 Home Learning Timetable (Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths Science Arts	English Geography PHSE Arts	Maths Science Arts	PE IT Arts	English History Arts

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