

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.

During these extraordinary times I wanted to reassure you about what the Academy is doing to support those students in Year 12 who are in the middle of their A Level and Level 3 courses and have been unduly halted with their learning. As you are aware, students can access a platform called Microsoft Teams which is being used regularly by teachers to communicate with students, set work and monitor progress.

Although Year 12 will be awarded a teacher predicted grade this summer they will still have to complete examinations at the end of their courses in May/June 2021 which will include knowledge from Year 12. For them to be fully prepared for these assessments we are making a few changes to the curriculum. To ensure that gaps in knowledge are filled and make sure students are academically prepared to start Year 13 units and topics in September; teachers will now be deviating slightly from the planned scheme of work to set independent learning and research tasks that will act as a bridge from Year 12 to Year 13 learning. Teachers have started setting this work already and progress is being monitored by the Sixth Form Team as well as within individual Faculties.

Your support with encouraging your child to complete the tasks set would be appreciated and will enable your child to be prepared for the next stage in their education journey to support them in realising their Post 18 aspirations. If you have any questions or queries regarding what your child should be doing, or Sixth Form in general please do get in touch with the Sixth Form Team on SKA-allpost16@skegnessacademy.org and will be happy to support.

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