



# SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

We made it! The end of another year full of challenges and celebrations which has at times felt really tough, but you, your children and the staff of the Skegness Academy have shown extraordinary resilience and have pulled together to support one another throughout it all. This letter will set out a few key points for the new academic year but before I focus on that, I wanted to highlight some of the extraordinary things that have happened this year which deserve to be celebrated.

The community's response to our daily PE challenge during lockdown was amazing but not as amazing as Mrs Bloodworth, who successfully completed every single one! Our gardening club have established a wide range of salads, fruits and vegetables in the poly tunnel which we will be donating locally over the summer. This is part of a new project which will hopefully see the planting of a number of fruit trees on the site.

As part of their Careers education, pupils in year 7 participated in a programme called 'Let's Pitch It' which is run by Baasit Siddiqui. Baasit is often seen on his sofa along with the rest of his family on the popular Channel 4 programme Gogglebox. Out of the hundreds of entries, the Skegness Academy was so proud when one of our pupils won the competition. Well done to Thomas. Baasit will visit the academy in the Autumn Term to present him with his prize.

Twice this year we have featured on Sky News which resulted in contact from people across the country and around the world praising the work our staff are doing to support students. We know they are amazing, but it is always nice to hear it from other people.

.....and who could forget the SLT Christmas TikTok video? I'm hoping it will become an annual event; however it can only be once a year because it takes us so long to get it right!

Let us now look to the new academic year.

## **Change of name**

Year groups will now be known by their year of graduation. This is to promote ambition and get everyone thinking to the future and planning for success in year 11. Year groups will be known as the following throughout their time at SKA:-

- Year 7 Class of 2026
- Year 8 Class of 2025
- Year 9 Class of 2024
- Year 10 Class of 2023
- Year 11 Class of 2022

## **Onsite Testing**

We are expecting to test all students twice on their return after the summer break. We will be sending out information soon confirming when your child needs to come onsite for their first test starting on 31 August. Please ensure you have completed the consent form. Any students who have tested positive since 1 June will not be able to have this test due to NHS guidance on not testing within 90 days of a positive result. The second tests will take place week beginning 6 September during the school day. You should then continue to test twice a week at home until the end of September.

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Here is a link to the consent form. We ask that if you decline consent that you complete a form so that we know you have specifically declined, and we therefore don't need to check. You should decline if your child has tested positive in the last 90 days.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEN4rD0mpZ2BCtWE6gyRZ20ZUOIXQ1ZFVIlwR1ZIVkxXSjFSTjBIQVVKOS4u>

Can I please ask parents of new students going into Class of 2026, who may not have had a Covid test yet, to complete a couple of tests at home over the summer so your child is familiar with the process?

### Return dates

Class of 2026 will be joining us on Thursday 2 September and Friday 3 September 2021 for their delayed induction. Year 12 will return on Thursday 2 September with Year 13 returning on Friday 3 September. All other students in Class of 22, 23, 24 and 25 will be returning on Monday 6 September 2021.

Here is a reminder of your child's Year Team and their contact details:

Year	Head of Year	Deputy Head of Year
Cof26	Miss Parker <a href="mailto:Cparker@skegnessacademy.org">Cparker@skegnessacademy.org</a>	Mrs Lyons <a href="mailto:Jlyons@skegnessacademy.org">Jlyons@skegnessacademy.org</a>
Cof25	Mr Harker <a href="mailto:Charker@skegnessacademy.org">Charker@skegnessacademy.org</a>	Mrs Cole <a href="mailto:Dcole@skegnessacademy.org">Dcole@skegnessacademy.org</a>
Cof24	Mrs Willis <a href="mailto:hwillis@skegnessacademy.org">hwillis@skegnessacademy.org</a>	Miss Barker <a href="mailto:Rbarker@skegnessacademy.org">Rbarker@skegnessacademy.org</a>
Cof23	Mrs Bloodworth <a href="mailto:Kbloodworth@skegnessacademy.org">Kbloodworth@skegnessacademy.org</a>	Miss Leary <a href="mailto:cleary@skegnessacademy.org">cleary@skegnessacademy.org</a>
Cof22	Mrs Ferrier <a href="mailto:sferrier@skegnessacademy.org">sferrier@skegnessacademy.org</a>	Mrs Laws <a href="mailto:klaws@skegnessacademy.org">klaws@skegnessacademy.org</a>
Sixth Form	Miss Langdale <a href="mailto:klangdale@skegnessacademy.org">klangdale@skegnessacademy.org</a>	Mrs Hunt <a href="mailto:Jhunt@skegnessacademy.org">Jhunt@skegnessacademy.org</a>

### Covid systems

It is anticipated that we won't have to operate in quite the restricted way we have had to this year, however there will be a few things we will keep in place. Students will be expected to use the one-way system in September. As our student numbers increase it is important that we manage the movement around the academy to ensure everyone's safety and comfort. We will also be keeping the year group social areas. These have proved popular with all stakeholders and enabled the pastoral teams to really get to know their year groups. Enhanced cleaning and hand sanitisers will remain in place.

### Uniform

Please look through our uniform policy:-

<https://www.skegnessacademy.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=91>

We expect all students to be wearing the correct uniform in September. Skirts should carry the SKA logo and no jeans or leggings are permitted. If you would like to discuss financial support for uniform please contact me on [kalbelda@skegnessacademy.org](mailto:kalbelda@skegnessacademy.org).

### Hair and Nails

Gel and acrylic nails are permitted but they must be short and of a neutral colour. Students who have nails which are too long, will be asked to get them cut. Please support us with this at the end of the summer break by getting any "summer nails" cut to a suitable length (or removed) ready for the start of term. Hair should not be dyed a bright "unnatural" colour for example blue or purple. Whilst students can colour their hair, it should not be an extreme colour. Any student returning in September with an extreme hair colour will be placed in isolation until it can be rectified.

### PE kit

Thank you for your responses to our survey on PE kit. 95% of you stated that you preferred your child to come to school in their kit on the days they have PE and Dance. This supports the student and staff voice which were equally as positive. Therefore, we will maintain the system of students coming into school in their kit. However, this **must be** the official kit as per our policy:-

[Skegness Academy - Uniform](#)

***Any students wearing the incorrect kit will be asked to go home and change.***

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## Summer Recovery Workpacks

We are providing all students with work that can be completed over the summer break. This will support your child to be ready for September and remove some of the barriers in place due to the interrupted learning they have experienced this year. We would be very grateful if you could support us by encouraging your child to complete these packs. If you are unable to access, please contact Mrs Coxell, [zcoxell@skegnessacademy.org](mailto:zcoxell@skegnessacademy.org) or Mrs Harris [sharris@skegnessacademy.org](mailto:sharris@skegnessacademy.org)

Here is a link to all the work packs

- <https://www.skegnessacademy.org/page/?title=Summer+2021+Recovery+Packs&pid=217&action=saved>

## New lesson times

In September the school day will look a little different. Students will still be expected to be here for 8.40 am and the day will finish as usual at 3.10 pm but the timings in between have changed. Lessons will be 55 minutes in length, allowing a slightly longer lunch break and an additional tutor slot first thing in the morning for tutors to check uniform and hand out notices for the day, both of which were requested by staff and student during consultation.

<b>8.40am</b>	First bell – pupils should be on site and making their way to their tutor room.
<b>8.45am</b>	Tutor time
<b>9.00am</b>	Period 1
<b>9.55am</b>	Period 2
<b>10.50am</b>	<b>BREAK TIME</b>
<b>11.05am</b>	Period 3
<b>12.00pm</b>	Period 4
<b>12.55pm</b>	<b>LUNCH A</b>
<b>1.35pm</b>	<b>LUNCH B</b>
<b>2.15pm</b>	Period 5
<b>15:10</b>	End of the school day

**Lunch A** – Year 7, 10 and 11 will have their lunch while Year 8 and 9 are in afternoon registration and DEaR.

**Lunch B** – Year 8 and 9 will have their lunch while Year 7, 10 and 11 are in afternoon registration and DEaR.

The Sixth Form will have their lunch across Lunch A and B depending on their wider Academy responsibilities. Students will be made aware of when their lunch period is when they are given their timetables in September.

## Reminder about Return dates

Class of 2026/Year 7 will be in on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September 2021 for their induction to the academy.

Year 12 will start on Thursday 2 and Year 13 will join them on Friday 3 September 2021.

All students will be in from Monday 6 September 2021.

**All students are to return in full Academy uniform on their first day when they will receive their timetables. They will then know which days to attend in their PE/Dance kits.**

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**Entering the Skegness Academy**

Class of 26 (Year 7) will need to meet at the front of the Academy and they will be directed to their entrance.

Class of 25 (Year 8) will need to enter via the pedestrian gate and will be directed to their entrance.

Class of 24 (Year 9) will enter the Academy via the rear entrance on Church Road North.

Class of 23 (Year 10) will enter the Academy via Student Reception.

Class of 22 (Year 11) will enter via the sliding gate near the Sports Centre.

For your information, please see the term dates for 2021-2022 attached to this letter.

Finally, let me wish you and your family a summer full of sunshine and fun. Please stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Yours sincerely



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**Principal**

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## Term Dates

2021/2022

	August 2021						September 2021						October 2021					
<b>M</b>		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	
<b>T</b>		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	
<b>W</b>		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27	
<b>Th</b>		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28	
<b>F</b>		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29	
<b>S</b>		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30	
<b>S</b>	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31	

	November 2021						December 2021						January 2022					
<b>M</b>	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	31
<b>T</b>	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25	
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<b>S</b>	7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30	

	February 2022						March 2022						April 2022					
<b>M</b>		7	14	21	28			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25	
<b>T</b>	1	8	15	22			1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	
<b>W</b>	2	9	16	23			2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	
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<b>S</b>	6	13	20	27			6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		

	May 2022						June 2022						July 2022					
<b>M</b>		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	
<b>T</b>		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	
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School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Staff Training Days

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