

30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Families,

**Re. Delayed start to the Academy year for students**

I hope you are well and enjoying the last few days of the summer break. Further to our letter earlier this week, **we have today been informed by our building contractors that the work to install our new playground facilities has overrun by several days due to unforeseen delays.** This has meant, very unfortunately, that we have to change our plans for re-opening to students next week.

As you are aware students were due to return for the start of term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Due to the delayed building work there will be a staggered return to school, starting with **Year 7 and Year 12 only on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** at 8.30am.

**On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Years 7 and 12 will be joined by Years 11 and 13.** Students in these year groups are expected to be in school and in their form rooms by 8.30am. **This will be the same arrangement on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September too.**

**The Academy will reopen for students in all year groups on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September,** again all students are expected to be in their form rooms by 8.30am at the latest.

We apologise once again for changing our plans at short notice and thank you for your understanding. The delay is caused by circumstances beyond our control and we are unable to open the Academy to all students until we are certain that the building work has been completed and that the site is fully safe for everyone.

For simplicity and clarity, I have summarised the revised plans for the start of the term below:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Staff only**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Staff only**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Years 7 & 12 only**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 only**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 only**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – All year groups (Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13) return by 8.30am**

If you have any questions or concerns about this change of plans or about the start of term in general, please don't hesitate to contact the Academy. Reception will be fully staffed from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September or emails can be sent to the Academy using our [postbox@josephleckieacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@josephleckieacademy.co.uk) email address.

Yours faithfully



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