# TDA UPDATE

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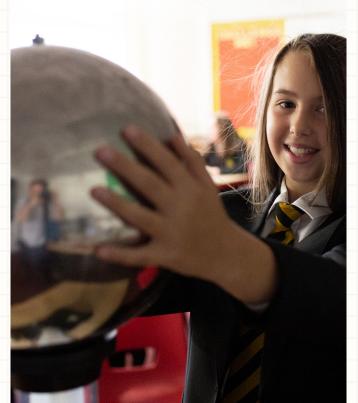


# **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

Welcome back. Our students have made an excellent start to the new term. Standards of behaviour, uniform and attendance have been exceedingly high and the quality of learning has been superb. Thank you for your ongoing support - it is appreciated. We have recently reviewed our communication with parents and carers. As a result, we intend to provide a newsletter or video update, each week, to help keep you informed about Academy life. We are also very active on social media - you can follow us on both Twitter and Facebook.



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# YEAR 7 TRANSITION 2021

We are committed to becoming the Academy of choice at the heart of the Ollerton community. I am delighted to inform you that more students than ever have accepted places at TDA for September 2021 - a whole form of entry more than in 2020. Transition work will continue during the summer term with a Transition week planned for early July. We warmly welcome parents and carers who are considering TDA for their child's secondary education to make an appointment to see us in action. Contact us via office@dukeries.attrust.org.uk

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#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 29 April 2021** Year 11 Online Parents' Event 9am-6pm

Monday 3 May 2021 May Day Holiday



## ATTENDANCE

Great attendance results in great outcomes. Attendance has been very strong since we returned from Easter. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child excels. Year 7:96.75Year 8:97.40Year 9:94.38Year 10:94.15Year 11:91.80Overall:94.94

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

The first meeting of our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group takes place on Thursday 13 May 2021 at 5pm. We are still looking for parent/carer members to join the group. Please contact Mr Rae via k.shepherd@dukeries.attrust.org.uk to express an interest or to find out more.



# **ACADEMY ASSESSMENT GRADES**

Work is continuing in Year 11 and Year 13 to provide assessment evidence for the Academy Assessment Grades, which will be submitted to the examination boards in June. Students are demonstrating excellent engagement, hard work and resilience as they navigate this challenging period and meet our high expectations of them. Remember to sign up to the Online Parents' Event for Year 11 which will take place on Thursday 29 April 2021. Sixth Form parents and carers should contact the Sixth Form team directly if they require information or support.

#### PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR IS BACK

There are lots of opportunities for students across the Academy to get active in extra-curricular PE. The benefits of attending these clubs are wide-ranging; you can learn new skills, develop personal fitness, address physical and mental well-being and also meet new people. Just go to the PE department at the end of the Academy day, on your set day, and talk to PE staff about which activities you would like to do.



#### **COVID MEASURES**



We continue to maintain our COVID protective measures. Home Lateral Flow Testing is a key measure to reduce the spread of the virus. Please continue to test your child twice a week and report any positive cases to us immediately. More test kits will be distributed next week. Students should also bring a face mask to the Academy each day to wear in all indoor communal areas and when travelling on school and public transport. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our Academy is as safe as possible for your children and our staff.