

TDA UPDATE

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THE DUKERIES
ACADEMY



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I write to you as we reach the end of another extraordinary year heavily impacted by the COVID pandemic. Our Academy community has risen to every challenge it has faced, to ensure our students continue to excel and make excellent progress. Thank you for your ongoing support which has been exceptional.

We are currently judged to be a good Academy and my ambition is to become a great Academy by January 2024. I look forward to sharing our Good to Great Strategy, in September, which outlines how we will go about this and the part each member of our Academy can play in the journey.

Have a wonderful and safe summer holiday, filled with happiness and joy, and I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming academic year.

Kind regards



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 28 July

Final day of term. 3pm close.

Tuesday 10 August

A-Level Results Day

Thursday 12 August

GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 31 August - Thursday 2 September

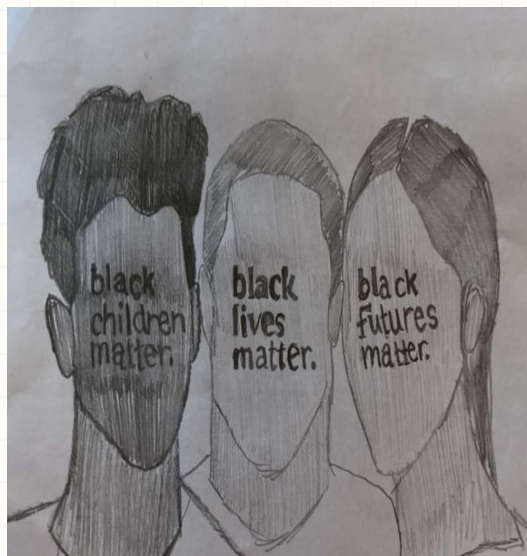
Inset days. No students attend.

Friday 3 September

Year 7, 11 and Sixth Form return at 8.40am

Monday 6 September

Year 8, 9 and 10 return at 8.40am



2020-21 A Year in Pictures

COVID ARRANGEMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

In line with government guidance, we will be offering all students two lateral flow tests, 3 days apart, when they return in September. We have written to you with details. Parents and carers of new Year 7 students should complete the online consent form following the link on the letter. For all other students we will use the consent given earlier in the year. If you wish to change or update your consent status please contact office@dukeries.atrust.org.uk. Thank you for your support in keeping our Academy community safe.

Following changes to COVID restrictions we will no longer be operating in bubbles from September 2021. We will, however, maintain a number of protective measures including:

- Additional cleaning
- Good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Well ventilated learning spaces

Updated risk assessments and outbreak contingency plans will be uploaded onto our website over the summer.

Please remember to continue Lateral Flow Testing, at home during the summer. Students should not attend the Academy if they show any COVID symptoms and you should book a PCR test and follow the advice of NHS Track and Trace.

Summer Free School Meal Vouchers

Working with Nottinghamshire County Council we will provide vouchers to families eligible for Free School Meals. Please check your email inbox for these vouchers. If you are experiencing financial hardship over the summer holiday please contact the Ollerton CAR project, who may be able to help. Information can be found on their Facebook page.

START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

There will be a phased return to the 2021-22 academic year in September. Year 7, 11 and Sixth Form will return to the Academy on Friday 3 September 2021 at 8.40am. All other year groups will return on Monday 6 September, again at 8.40am.

Please remember that we will be operating a new Academy Day from September. **On a Monday and Friday the Academy Day will end at 2.45pm. On a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Academy Day will end at 3.35pm.** Extra-curricular activities and same day detentions will run for up to 1 hour after the end of the school day. A late bus will continue to operate to support students, who live beyond Ollerton, attending these activities.

School Buses

We have worked closely with Nottinghamshire County Council to ensure bus timetables have been adapted to meet our new Academy Day. Please see their website for full details about all aspects of school transport.

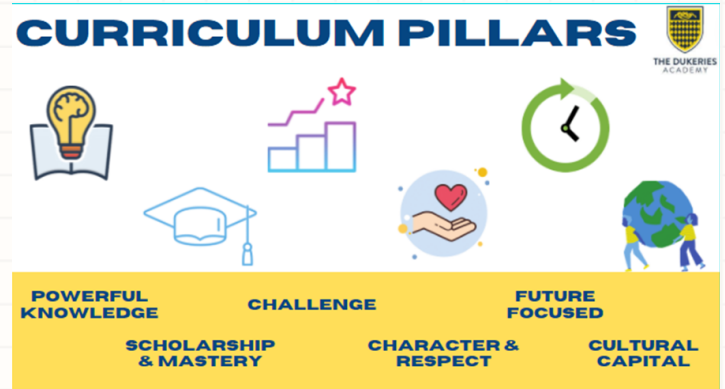
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools>

CURRICULUM 2021

Following consultation and superb work from our staff team, we are super excited to launch our Curriculum 2021 Programme in September. This programme will be a vehicle to ensure we realise our Good to Great ambitions and will support our students to have even greater academic success whilst developing the character traits to become change makers in their own and other people's lives.

Curriculum 2021 is underpinned by six Curriculum Pillars and will be implemented through an extension to our current curriculum offer. Curriculum 2021 will include:

- A bold and courageous Core Curriculum Entitlement
- Extend, Enrich and Prepare activities
- Coaching, mentoring and leadership
- Reading and Oracy
- Cultural 'Rights of Passage'



We are currently updating our website with full details of our Curriculum 2021 offer and will provide a parent/carers event in September to give you more information.

Refurbishment Update

The Academy is working closely with colleagues in the ATT Operations Team to create the great learning environment our students and staff deserve. We are currently working on the following projects

- Full refurbishment of all 18 classrooms in our main block. This will be completed by October 2021.
- New fencing and gates to further enhance the security of our site.
- Improved communal areas and a professional welcome to the Academy in a remodelled reception area.
- New boiler and heating system.

We will have an open event later in the year to allow you to see, first hand, the improvements.



Presentation reminders - for clarity

- A small amount of subtle make up is allowed.
- Hairstyles should be appropriate. Unnatural colours or multiple colours are not allowed.
- A wristwatch is allowed.
- One small stud in each ear lobe is allowed.
- A clear retainer for a nose piercing is allowed.
- No other jewellery or accessories are allowed.
- Nail varnish and nail extensions are not allowed.
- Mobile devices and headphones should not be seen or heard on the Academy site.

BASIC EQUIPMENT

To ensure all students are prepared for learning they must have the following equipment with them every day:

- Bag
- Planner
- Reading book/Library book
- Pencil case
- 2 blue/black pens and a green pen
- 2 pencils
- A ruler, sharpener and eraser
- Calculator

Uniform From September 2021

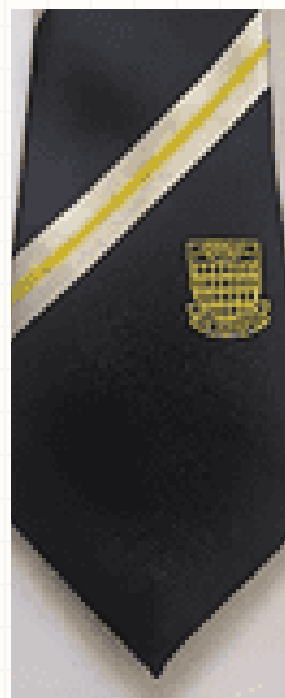
All uniform items can be purchased from our uniform supplier - schoolwearsolutions.com/our-schools/the-dukeries-academy/

Thank you for your feedback on our uniform consultation earlier in the year. We made some minor adjustments as a result of this. We have designed a new tie which is now based on Academy colours. Students will be provided with their first tie (for free), on their first day in September, in exchange for an existing tie.

New Year 7 students will have received their new tie on the Parents' Evening or will receive it, in the post, over the next few days. In addition, We have clarified the expectations regarding skirts - the expected style and length of skirt is available from our uniform supplier but may be purchased from other suppliers. We have also removed the requirement for a black jumper with gold trim - a plain black, v-neck jumper will suffice.

Uniform

- Academy blazer
- White, collared shirt.
- TDA tie.
- Plain, black tailored trousers.
- Uniform skirt (optional); knee length and pleated with stitched down top.
- Plain black v-neck jumper (optional).
- Sensible, flat soled, black shoes.
- Black socks or tights.
- Rucksack for books and equipment.
- Full details are available on our website



PE KIT FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

We also consulted on a change to our PE kit. The PE kit now consists of:

- A navy sports t-shirt with an Academy logo
- Navy shorts or navy sports leggings
- Navy sports socks
- Navy track suit bottoms (optional)
- Navy hoody with an Academy logo (optional)



All PE kit items can be purchased from our new supplier AGame Sports <https://shop.agamesports.co.uk/collections/dukeries-academy>

Note: Only the t-shirt needs to be purchased from our supplier. All other items can be purchased from any other retailer

NEW STAFF



My name is Helen Taylor. I'm joining TDA as Joint Faculty Leader – Maths. I've been teaching for 20 years and have held a variety of different roles in schools and academies in North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire. I have an unwavering passion for anything linked to teaching and learning. I'm excited to be joining the TDAmazing family and can't wait to support the Academy on its journey from good to great. Having completed my main PGCE placement at Dukeries with NTU, it's a great opportunity and privilege to be able to come back now as an experienced practitioner to serve the Ollerton community. Outside of work I love everything outdoors; I run, cycle and lift weights!!! Previously renowned for enticing the local cats round, during lock down I adopted a little cat of my own, Skitty – I really am the middle-aged mad cat lady!!!



My name is Enrique Sanchez and I am joining TDA as a Teacher of Spanish. When I heard of the name of the school for the first time it suggested me a place of excellence. After my visit some days later I saw that my previous ideas about the school were right: brilliant learners, very welcoming colleagues and the perfect opportunity to start my career as a Spanish Teacher. I love languages and cultures and I like spending most of my free time reading and learning new languages and about different cultures. Before becoming a teacher I was working as a Spanish interpreter as well. Now at TDA it is the moment for me to convey my experience, my knowledge and passion for languages to my students.



Hello! My name is Adam Shah. I am a music teacher who is delighted to be starting with TDA from September. Having walked around your school and spoken to the wonderful students, I can't tell you how excited I am to be a part of your community. As a musician, I can sing, play guitar and piano among other instruments, so I am looking forward to starting many different clubs at The Dukeries and to work with Ms Schrodel on some exciting performances and shows! I believe that all students should have a chance to try music and explore different instruments and styles, so all will be welcome in music once we are up and running.

NEW STAFF



As of September, I will be the Faculty Leader of Science and I cannot wait to get started. After visiting The Dukeries Academy earlier this year, it quickly became apparent that the school had the same vision for education as I did. There is clearly a real passion to develop students into well-rounded individuals who will have a variety of skills preparing them to take on the world. Students around the Academy interacted positively with members of staff and the learning environment was excellent. I knew then that I wanted to be a part of this thriving community. Within Science, as a team, we will provide a wide range of activities and opportunities to ensure that every single student is enthusiastic about learning Science. Students will be encouraged to question and explore the world around them whilst developing important problem solving and analytical skills. There will be plenty of enrichment opportunities as well.

Before teaching, I studied Biological Sciences at Nottingham Trent University. I was then given the opportunity to specialise and so I decided upon Microbiology. I was fascinated by the microscopic world and how these tiny organisms can lead to a range of diseases in humans. During my degree, I completed a professional practice placement at a school in Mansfield as Department Assistant and Science Technician. This is where my enthusiasm for teaching began which led me to completing a PGDE in Secondary Science at NTU.

To the surprise of some, I am very sporty and in to fitness. I play netball for a team formed of other teachers in a local league which definitely brings out my competitive side! I play volleyball too – not quite as competitive but a lot of fun. Furthermore, I go to the gym most days where I mainly lift weights focusing on muscle growth and improving overall strength. Whenever possible, I love to go for long walks with my partner and our “part-time” sausage dogs, Snoopy and Pip (they are actually my brother-in-law's dogs!). Baking is something that I also love to do at the weekend. I have in the past regularly baked brownies, blondies, cookies and much more for my tutor group and staff. I hope to do the same at TDA.



My name is Laura Mutimer and I am pleased to join TDA as a Spanish Teacher at such an exciting time for the Academy. I look forward to meeting students and becoming a part of the school community. After living abroad and in Spain I am putting down roots again and I am passionate about languages and Hispanic culture.

NEW STAFF



Hello! I'm Tim Richards and I will be joining The Dukeries Academy in September as a Teacher of ICT and Business. I can't wait to get started and to meet the students. My passion for teaching has taken me to become a Computing teacher, which for me is the most exciting and ever-changing subject to teach.

Outside of teaching I love football and Marvel films, as well as a range of other sports and movies. I am also musical and attempt to play the Ukulele and Banjolele, although I'll avoid playing it badly in school.

I'm thrilled to be working at a school with fresh, amazing ideas and will get fully involved in what sounds like a friendly and warming community. I hope you all enjoy what will be a fun and interesting Computing curriculum and I'm eager to find the next Computer Scientists amongst you!

WELCOME BACK

Following maternity leave, we are delighted to welcome back Kelly Butcher, in to our SEND team, Rachel Hughes into our English team and Lucy Chaplin (who has already returned) to our Design and Create team.

MATERNITY LEAVE

The following staff are on maternity leave and will return over the coming academic year. Rachel Horsfield, Fiona Elledge, Kirsty Loughton and Vicky Watson. We hope they are having a wonderful time with their new arrivals - we have loved seeing the pictures. We also pass on our best wishes to Ashleigh Tebbett, our Subject Specialist Leader in Science, who starts her maternity leave at the end of term.

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

from
everyone
at TDA

AU REVOIR

We also say goodbye to a number of staff who will be leaving us at the end of term. Kara Pearson, in our SEND team has returned to work in a local Primary school, having left us a few weeks ago. Nina Fawcett, our Design and Create Technician leaves to start a teacher training qualification. Lewis Woodward and Ben Trueman also leave the Design and Create team. Lewis to take up a full time position with ATT FE and Ben to a school closer to home. Naomi Mackness leaves our Geography Department, Lorian Rusu leaves MFL and Nico Burns leaves his role as Head of MFL. We thank all of these staff for their contribution to TDA and wish them well in their future adventures.

GET WELL SOON

Peter Smith, our Cover Supervisor, and Stephen Mee, our Intervention Mentor are currently poorly. We wish them both a speedy recovery. I know that staff and students are looking forward to seeing them in the new academic year.