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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Planning for the new academic year 2020/21

As we come to the end of the academic year, I want to reassure you that we are working hard on our reopening plans.

As you will agree, we must ensure that all our reopening plans have been thoroughly risk assessed before releasing details. Therefore, an update detailing secondary reopening plans will be released the beginning of August. This will allow for extensive, in depth work to be conducted, to ensure a safe return for all. For now, I will of course provide some key principles to our planning.

- Learners will return by year group from Wednesday 2nd September 2020 as part of their Induction. An overview of the key dates can be seen in the table below.
- Induction will be a key focus. We will support and settle our learners whilst highlighting key safety measures and expectations.
- All learners will be expected to wear full uniform and adhere to our Values Driven Expectations behaviour policy.
- Learner attendance is extremely important to us and unless there are extenuating circumstances, we would expect all learners to attend. We do support our learners and their families therefore, as a Trust we will not issue any fines for non-attendance during the first two weeks of term. This will be reviewed on a regular basis.

| Date | Detail |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 01/09/20 (Tue) | Inset Day for staff in their academy |
| 02/09/20 (Wed) | Year 11 Induction |
| 03/09/20 (Thur) | Year 7 Induction |
| 04/09/20 (Fri) | Year 10 Induction |
| 07/09/20 (Mon) | Year 9 Induction |
| 08/09/20 (Tue) | Year 8 Induction |

The above is subject to change dependant on our external environment. We will of course monitor this closely and continue to keep you updated.

I am extremely proud of our Trust and I want to thank every member of staff for their hard work and commitment. Staff have shown a real sense of community during these difficult times. From helping learners, each other and the local community, staff across the Trust have demonstrated exceptional levels of dedication.

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I also want to say a big thank you to our parents and carers for your understanding and support. I am looking forward to the new academic year and welcoming all our learners in September.

I hope you have a restful and safe summer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jo Higgins'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jo Higgins
Chief Executive



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