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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of an extraordinary school year, there are several people I need to acknowledge and thank. The last few months have shown more than ever that people work best when they support each other; when they think about the needs of others and are willing to put themselves out for other people. I have seen a great number of people working really hard to ensure our children have been supported during this period of lockdown and beyond. From you, the parents, supporting your children emotionally and academically as the weeks have rolled into months; from teaching staff, setting and marking work and communicating with students and parents; from the pastoral team telephoning and helping parents and children in a variety of ways and of course our support staff who have worked tirelessly to keep the school running smoothly. To one and all of you – my heartfelt thanks.

### **Summer Holiday Arrangements:**

The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that he is not asking schools to open during the summer holidays and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Therefore, the Academy will follow the publicised term dates and close on Tuesday 21 July 2020 for all students.

Some staff may set homework for students, as they would normally do, over the summer break. This will be set on the Virtual Learning Platform - Frog. However, it will not be possible for staff to read and respond to messages.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to encourage children to read over the coming weeks. Literacy skills such as reading transfer into every area of learning and any child who makes reading part of their day will find it much easier to engage with their learning once school resumes in September.

### **Remote Learning:**

It has been pleasing to see how many students have worked with commitment and determination, completing their school work set on our Virtual Learning Platform (Frog) to a high standard. I hope all students are ready to work very hard when they return to school in September.

### **Provision for Key Worker/Vulnerable/EHCP Students:**

The school has been open throughout the months since 23 March 2020, teaching and looking after the children of key workers. Children have followed a varied curriculum and had the benefit of being taught in small groups. Well done to all of the children who have been regularly attending school and have maintained a positive attitude towards their learning.

### **Year 10 Provision from 15/06/2020:**

The Academy has been busy since 15 June 2020 when many of our Year 10 students returned to school for one day a week. It has been wonderful to see so many students focussed and appreciative of the opportunity of attending school. It has meant staff have been able to have face to face contact, explain key points and interact with children to ensure engagement. The Academy put in place a wide range of measures to ensure the children's and staff's safety. These measures have been very successful, thanks to co-operation between staff and students. A huge thank you to our cleaning staff who have done a crucial job over the last few months.

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**Student Reports:**

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be receiving their end of year report at the end of term. Staff have worked hard to ensure they present an accurate picture of the progress and achievement of each child. Naturally, because of Covid-19, this has been more difficult. Staff have tried to present a fair picture of how each student was performing in their lessons up until mid-March, and also commented on effort and progress since the Academy closed on 20 March 2020.

**Year 8 HPV Vaccinations:**

Please can I draw the attention of parents of Year 8 students (boys and girls) to the letter on our website regarding HPV vaccinations.

**Year 11 GCSE Results Day:**

Year 11 parents will have received a letter regarding the arrangements for Year 11 students collecting examination results. A copy of this is on our website. Students will be collecting results in small groups to ensure social distancing. If you require your child's exam results to be posted, please contact the Academy so we can arrange this for you. If your child would like someone else to collect their results, your child will need to give written permission before we can release any results.

**Arrangements for September 2020:**

I have asked the new Principal, Mr. P. Dickinson to write to you regarding the arrangements for full opening in September. **Students in Years 7 and 9 will return on Wednesday 2 September 2020, with all years attending from Thursday 3 September 2020.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your encouragement and cooperation over the last three years. Without the support of so many parents and students it would have been impossible to make the changes we have, and achieved as much as we have since September 2017. I am so proud to have played my part in these early years. I have every confidence that under the leadership of the new Principal, Phil Dickinson, the Academy is in safe hands and will continue to improve.

I wish all Louth Academy students every success in the future.

With very best wishes for a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

Mr M J Brown  
Executive Principal