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Dear Parent/Carer

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank parents, carers, students and the local community for all of your support, in what has been an extremely challenging year. Throughout this difficult period, I believe that in the circumstances, we have provided an excellent educational offering and we could not have done that without your support. I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of some important alterations to the start of the 2021/22 academic year to facilitate a safe return of staff and students.

**Staggered start for students in September**

In order to welcome back students safely to the Academy in September, the government has asked educational settings to test students twice upon their return, using Lateral Flow tests, 2-3 days apart. In order to facilitate this, Louth Academy will operate a staggered return as outlined below:

**Lower Site:**

Year Group	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 7	Attending	Attending	Attending
Year 8	Not attending	Attending	Attending

**Upper Site**

Year Group	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 9	Attending	Attending	Attending
Year 10	Not attending	Not attending	Attending
Year 11	Not attending	Attending	Attending

This will also allow students in Year 7 and 9 to have a transition into their new Academy site.

**Covid-19**

Please read the Covid-19 update letter on the Academy website, which outlines new guidelines and protocols for September 2021. Please look for any further Covid-19 related updates from the Academy over the summer holidays by regularly checking the Louth Academy website.

**Uniform**

We appreciate that during the pandemic access to shops and hairdressers has been difficult at times, but can I please direct parents to the Academy website for detailed information on the uniform requirements, particularly with reference to trousers, which need to be tailored, not tightly fitted and full length i.e. not cropped at the ankle. Please also see the Academy website for clarification on rules around hairstyles and jewellery.



## Supporting your Child's Learning at home

Louth Academy is determined to achieve the very best educational outcomes for all of its students. Children perform better when parents/carers are engaged with a student's learning. Active engagement with a child's school and their education is the most important long-term influence on academic outcomes and progress. Louth Academy is committed to securing strong relationships with parents and carers to ensure students reach their full potential. During the summer and beyond, we would like to highlight some resources which may assist you in supporting your child's education at home.

There are a number of fantastic resources parents can use to help improve their child's outcomes. Below are some resources you may find useful, this is not an exhaustive list, but is an excellent starting point.

- Louth Academy Curriculum pages (<https://www.louthacademy.co.uk/stretch-challenge/>) Each subject has its own web page highlighting the content students are studying and some subject specific links to useful resources students can use to maximise their learning.
- The Oak Academy (<https://www.thenational.academy>) has over 10,000 free videos. These videos offer additional support on topics students may be struggling with.
- BBC Bitesize (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>) also contains a vast array of information that can help students excel in difficult areas.

At Louth Academy we are determined to give our students the maximum level of support possible to enable their aspirations to become a reality. Parental/carer engagement is essential in this process and we welcome your involvement.

## Charity Events

To celebrate the last day of the Academy term, students requested to hold a non-uniform day with all proceeds from the event donated to the Mimi's Mission charity. This was a student led event with all posters being designed and put up by the students.

Please have an enjoyable break and continue to stay safe. We look forward to welcoming the students back in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr P C Dickinson  
Principal