



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a very long and challenging year, I would like to take a final opportunity to thank you for all your continued support and to say how proud I am with how our students managed the disruption. Thankfully the last few weeks at school have returned to as close to normal as possible, and we are hoping that all restrictions will be gone by September. During the pandemic we found some of the adjustments conducive to improved learning, as a result we will continue with the current structure of our school day.

Covid arrangements

Currently the Government are expecting schools to test all students on their return to school in September. We are planning to run an onsite testing centre, as previously. All parents will be contacted on the 1st September regarding giving consent for their child to be tested. The DfE guidance states that if a student tests positive within 72 hours of school closing for the Summer holidays parents should inform the Headteacher. You can contact me at head@obhs.co.uk. We will update parents if information and guidance from the DfE changes over the Summer.

Free School Meals

Families that are entitled to Free School Meals will receive an email voucher on Friday 16th July from Edenred to cover the Summer holiday period. Any queries to lgatward@obhs.co.uk.

End of year reports

All students will receive an end of year report via Go4Schools, if you are unable to view or if you would like a paper copy sent, please contact the school office.

Year 10 reports

Year 10 reports include both target and assessment grades. The target grade refers to the likely grade that will be achieved at the end of Year 11: these are based on prior attainment information. It is unlikely, and not expected, that students will be achieving their target grade at the moment, however if there is a significant discrepancy between target grade and a student's assessment grade (2 grades or more) it will be beneficial to discuss the reasons for this with your child. In addition, the reports capture student's Attitude to Learning and Work Produced. Once again, if these grades are significantly below expectations you might choose to discuss this with them. On our return in September, teachers will be able to identify and address significant gaps in knowledge, and support students in improving their Attitude to Learning and Work Produced.



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Key Stage 3 reports

In each subject, your child is given an assessment target based on their prior attainment. This will appear as a percentage band. The assessment score you will see refers to their achievement in the latest assessment that has been taken and the progress column compares this score to their target band. This column will show whether they are exceeding, meeting, below or well below their target. If a student's Attitude to Learning and Work Produced are meeting expectations but their progress is not yet good or of a concern this may be due to the lost learning during Covid. Where there are gaps in progress the school will address these in a number of ways. These include:

- Intervention
- Continuation of National Tutoring programme
- Modifications to the curriculum in terms of content and delivery
- Curriculum catch-up

Uniform

The uniform expectations, which all students must adhere to, can be found [here](#). Please can all parents ensure that students return to school in September in full uniform – in particular footwear. Canvas and leather trainers are not acceptable. For examples of appropriate footwear please see the [uniform checklist](#) on the website. Can I remind parents that nose or any other facial piercing, except for a single stud in the ear lobe are not permitted, this includes plastic temporary studs.

This term has seen students produce some fantastic work and get involved in school life to the full. I do hope you take the opportunity to read our most recent Gazette where we celebrate some of their achievements. I do hope you have the opportunity to spend time with your family and that the Summer is a restful and enjoyable one for you all. We look forward to welcoming all our students back in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Fell
Headteacher

