



26th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you all again as we close down the academic year and what has been an incredibly different and very challenging school year. I am very proud that despite everything that the pandemic has brought, we have remained open and provided a full school curriculum and academy throughout. We provided many children and families with lateral flow tests at the end of term and ask please that you continue to test and provide the NHS your results so that the academy can make a full and successful start to the new academic year.

As you will now know, we are preparing the academy for re-opening on Monday 6th September for all children. Our new Year 7 children will start their academy experience on the Sheerness Campus, alongside our sixth form provision. All children in Years 8-11 will continue on the Minster campus.

During Term 6, the academy had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Andy Booth to the Academy Leadership Team as Executive Principal. Mr Booth will take up official post in September.

Whilst settling into the role of Executive Principal, Mr Booth had spent some time speaking to parents, students and staff at the academy and observed "What is very apparent is that all stakeholders are committed to make the academy the best place it can be, that makes my role easier." Having **high expectations** has been a common theme in Mr Booth's discussions, and this is something that we will be insisting on when we return. We would like your support in making sure that the following is explained and that students are ready to learn on returning.

Our expectations when returning to the academy on Monday 6th September are:

Uniform

The uniform policy (<https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/academy-life/uniform>) that is in place will be adhered to and students will be met at the gate for uniform to be checked. I wish to highlight the following uniform items where some students do not consistently meet our uniform expectations:

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- Plain black skirt - Non stretch material and appropriate length for school setting
- Black leather formal school shoes - No trainers or canvass shoes (Nike Airforce, Converse, Vans etc.)
- Proper outdoor coat - No hoodies must be worn; these will be confiscated immediately. The same applies to caps
- Non-uniform sweatshirts/jumpers worn under/instead of the compulsory academy blazer. The academy blazer is a compulsory item and worn at all times.

Students who do not wear the correct academy uniform will be in isolation for the day or until the uniform is corrected.

PE kit

This is also an expectation of the academy and consequences will be given if not worn or incorrect:

- **PE kit:** The compulsory academy PE kit is the **academy branded blue sports top and shorts for both girls and boys.**
- Additional, non-compulsory, items available to purchase from the Academy are joggers, track pants for boys, leggings for girls, and a red base layer for Years 8-11. All items can be purchased from the academy uniform shop on the Minster Campus.

Jewellery and make up

- Nail varnish, nail art and/or false nails are not allowed and will need to be taken off or the student will be placed in isolation until this is done.
- False eye lashes are not allowed
- Any items of jewellery will be confiscated and stored in the school safe until a parent/carer can collect it.
- Facial piercings and piercing retainers are not permitted.

Mobile Phones

There is no need for a mobile phone particularly as all students will now be given an iPad to work with. The academy has not accepted mobile phone use for a long time, and this continues. We have a 'not seen' policy; if a mobile phone is seen it will be asked for and confiscated. It will only be given back to the parent/carer when they come to the academy to collect it. This is new for September and so early notification is being given to you as we close this year.

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Lesson ready

It's very important for students to be prepared and ready to learn. Therefore, all students are expected to have a pencil case with a minimum content of:

- Two or three plain black writing pens
- One or two drawing HB equivalent pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser/Rubber
- Green pen for improvements to marked work
- Scientific calculator
- A small number of colouring pencils

New Horizons

We are excited to inform that the Horizons project will be rolled out to students in September. Every student in the academy will be loaned an iPad for the entire time they are with us. It is expected to be brought to the academy each day and therefore it is now even more important for each student to have a school bag large enough for this and several exercise books. We ask that you ensure your child has an appropriate sized school bag for returning in September.

We hope that this letter is clear and informative and provides you with all the necessary detail for a positive and successful return for your child(ren). We hope that the break provides you all with some positive and enjoyable family time; we look forward to welcoming children back refreshed and ready to learn on the 6th September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tina Lee'.

Tina Lee – Principal

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