



Melior
Community
Academy
Newsletter



Message From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

As we close for the summer term, and look forward to the next academic year, I find it is useful to reflect and take stock of what we have achieved.

This year has been a particularly challenging year as students began the year having to get used to staggered starts, bubbles, hand sanitisation amongst other things. They have dealt with these changes admirably and shown incredible resilience.

It has been a particularly difficult year for our Year 11 students with the uncertainty and change around their GCSE results. I am looking forward to seeing them again on August 12th as they collect their results.

Looking forward, we are excited to meet our new Year 7 students. Some of them will have already had the chance to meet at our Summer School which presents the opportunity for them to develop new skills and have fun while familiarising themselves with their new school and some of our staff.

The school re-opens on Monday, 6th September with a return to “normal”. Bubbles will be collapsing and all students should arrive between 8.15am—8.20am ready for their first lesson at 8.25am. Our school day will end at 2.30pm—further details of the school day is contained within this newsletter

I would like to wish you all a well deserved and restful summer break.

Best Wishes



Graeme Levitt
Principal

Learning Managers

Each year group continues to have it's own dedicated Progress Manager. From September, we see some slight changes to our previous structure. Please see below for your child's Progress Manager:



Year 7 Learning Manager
Mrs C Donnelly



Year 9 Learning Manager
Miss R Massarella



Year 8 Learning Manager
Mrs J Haynes



Year 10 Learning Manager
Mrs J Hurley



Year 11 Learning Manager
Ms N Bishop

Staffing Updates

From September, we will be welcoming the following staff members:

Name	Department
Melvin Brown	Maths one-to-one tutor
Nathan Buisson	French Language Assistant
Natalie Coupland	Receptionist
Donna Craig	Catering Assistant
Chelsee Dunn	Science Teacher
Tristan Griffiths	History Teacher
Donna Housham	Catering Assistant
Adam Lawis	PE/Maths
Gabriela Posadas Cardenas	Spanish Language Assistant
Georgina Reynolds	Teaching Assistant
Rebecca Spencer	Maths one-to-one tutor
Lorraine Thompson	Teaching Assistant
Gemma Wilkinson	Catering Assistant

Dates for your diary

Date	Detail	Time
6th September 2021	School Re-opens	
14th September 2021	Year 6 Open Evening	
1st October 2021	School Photographs (except Year 11)	
22nd October 2021	School Closes at the End of The Day	
1st November 2021	School Re-opens	
17th December 2021	School Closes at the End of the Day	
6th January 2022	School Re-opens	
11th February 2022	School Closes at the End of the Day	
21st February 2022	School Re-opens	
1st April 2022	School Closes at the End of the Day	
19th April 2022	School Re-opens	
27th May 2022	School Closes at the End of the Day	
6th June 2022	School Re-opens	
21st July 2022	School Closes at the End of the Day	

School Day From September

Melior School Day	
8.15am – 8.25am	Students Arrive
8.25am – 9.25am	Lesson 1
9.25am – 9.45am	Form Time/Assembly
9.45am – 10.45am	Lesson 2
10.45am – 11am	Break
11am – 12pm	Lesson 3
12pm – 1.30pm	Lesson 4/Lunch
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Lesson 5
2.30pm – 3pm	Enrichment

Lesson 4/Lunch Timetable			
	12pm – 12.30pm	12.30pm – 1pm	1pm – 1.30pm
Year 9 & 10	Lunch	Lesson 4	
Year 7	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 4
Year 8 & 11	Lesson 4		Lunch

Please note that the Chandos Road and Bridges Road entrances will continue to be opened for students arriving and leaving at the start and the end of the day. There will be no access through the Merlin Road entrance

Uniform

Our academy uniform continues to be supplied through SPT uniforms. Additional items of uniform can be purchased online at <https://www.sptuniforms.co.uk>

BOYS UNIFORM

- White Shirt—Long or short sleeved
- School Tie
- Delta Academies Trust Black Blazer
- Delta Academies Trust Black Trousers
- Delta Academies Trust Black V Neck Jumper (optional)
- Plain black polishable shoes—no white/coloured markings or logos

PE Kit

- Delta Academies Trust PE Polo Top or Delta Academies Trust Long Sleeved Sports Top
- Delta Academies Trust PE Sports Shorts
- Long Black football socks
- Trainers

GIRLS UNIFORM

- White Shirt—Long or short sleeved
- School Tie
- Delta Academies Trust Black Blazer
- Delta Academies Trust plain black pleated skirt or tailored trousers
- Delta Academies Trust Black V Neck Jumper (optional)
- Plain black polishable shoes—no white/coloured markings or logos

PE Kit

- Delta Academies Trust PE Polo Top or Delta Academies Trust Long Sleeved Sports Top
- Delta Academies Trust PE Sports Shorts
- Long Black socks
- Trainers

All uniform can be ordered online from SPT Uniforms and delivered free of charge to the Academy ready for collection. Please note that this service is only available during term time. Should you have any unwanted or outgrown uniform, we would be grateful to receive any donations to enable us to support less fortunate families.

Braving The Shave

A huge congratulations to Loula Wells, one of our outgoing Year 11 students who became one of the thousands of incredible people who have been sponsored to shave their hair to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Loula came into school and had her hair shaved outdoors as a fundraising event. She raised £238.38. Well done Loula!



DFE Information

...Changing lives

The DFE have worked with our Youth Mental Health Ambassador, Dr Alex George, on a series of wellbeing videos based on his five core 'ways to wellbeing,' which build on content already in the relationships, sex and health education curriculum.

The DFE are encouraging all education settings, including summer schools and Holiday Activities and Food programme providers, to [download the videos and supporting resources](#) and deliver them throughout the summer holidays, so children can better understand how to look after their own mental health and wellbeing.

There has also been a brand new site launched by the DFE, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year.

The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children. This can be accessed through the following link [Education catch-up – Find out more about what is on offer to help your academic catch-up and physical, social and mental wellbeing \(campaign.gov.uk\)](#)

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July. One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing.

COVID Update

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts. NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

This letter sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.

COVID Update (cont)

3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.

4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.

Contact tracing

5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, or any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.

8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.

9. **From 16 August**, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families, education and childcare settings have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done.