



End of term letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

As this academic year draws to a close, we would like to thank you once again, for your on-going support. It is pleasing to conclude an academic year where the educational challenges associated with COVID-19 have continued to reduce which has enabled us to offer an ever-expanding array of provision for our learners – widening their opportunities and increasingly reengaging with our community in new ways.

Our combined endeavours were once again recognised nationally when Mrs Murphy, our Personalised Learning Centre Lead became a successful nominee for the **'Pearson National Teaching Awards – unsung hero.'** As a result of this, Beacon Hill Academy became the proud recipient of another national honour following on from receipt of the **'Lockdown Hero'** Award for Outstanding Learner and Community Support last academic year.

Mrs Murphy is a highly valued member of staff, her modesty saw her recognise that this achievement is testament to the commitment of our learners, our collective staff, our parents/carers and the wider community. Everyone at Beacon Hill Academy is elated with again receiving this level of national recognition! We know of no other institutions locally where this has happened.

Throughout the last twelve months, our learners have once again been a credit to our academy, they have quickly and successfully adapted to the return of face-to-face lessons and where the need arose, successfully returned to our distance learning programme. Excellent conduct and high levels of hard work, in two examination series conducted recently saw lucky learners rewarded through complimentary ice-creams and where certain criteria had been met, complimentary tickets to the Year 11 Prom. This, however, is just the 'tip of the iceberg,' with many prizes and commendations issued throughout the year to learners across all year groups. As always, it has been wonderful to see that so many of our learners have been recognised for their excellent efforts at our annual presentation evening, a celebration which took place at Dudley Town Hall and saw hundreds of people attend. For me and my staff, the word 'proud' is an understatement – what an occasion!

It is with great pleasure I confirm the many other highlights:

- A formal partnership established with the prestigious Eton School, the home of many past and future Prime Ministers. With our Year 10 learners having already undertaken lessons, workshops and seminars on site as well as experiencing life as an 'Etonian.' This relationship is destined to blossom further in the new year with additional learning opportunities already scheduled to take place. We look forward to providing further fantastic opportunities for our learners!
- An exciting partnership has been established with Wolverhampton Grammar School to share best practice and develop a reading culture across both schools, with frequent author visits and competitions. The latest saw Radio 1's Greg James and Chris Smith, launching their recent publication and providing our learners with an engaging story writing workshop.
- We are delighted that a full and successful refurbishment of the main block roofing system has been completed.



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- A dedicated and comprehensive Summer School to support learners entering their first year of schooling at Beacon Hill Academy.
- Expansion of extra-curricular provision for all learners to include, as well as the multitude of sporting opportunities already on offer, a wide variety of cross subject competitions, visits, clubs and 'the technology repair shop' is now on offer, again notably, in advance of many other institutions in the local area.
- Reinstatement of foreign trips and visits - ensuring these activities are COVID secure, with a trip to Germany planned for late July and a return to San Francisco planned for next academic year. In addition to these fundraising efforts have begun for our Kenya 2023 Trip.
- Over forty Year 10 learners are going to Georgeham outdoor residential centre in the final week of term to take part in engaging pursuits and team building activities.
- Free pizza and drinks provided to learners who attend a reading club to help improve their abilities in literacy.
- In excess of 250 Headteacher's Awards; 750 subject commendation certificates issued; over 250 pastoral commendations and over £1000 worth of Amazon vouchers distributed as prizes.
- Attendance continues to improve with over 500 95% and 100% certificates presented to learners.
- The end of term saw over 800 learners awarded with free ice-creams.
- An afternoon tea, prepared by an external provider and served by our academic staff to over 100 learners across all years to recognise their continued hard work and high levels of effort in various fields of endeavour. A fantastic opportunity to recognise their success and enjoy staff waiting on them.
- 500,000 questions answered on Hegarty Maths – a new program called SparksMaths is due to be launched in 2022-23.
- 6,000+ GCSE Pods streamed.

Once again, it is important to note that many of the aforementioned achievements were only possible due the dedication and commitment of our staff. It is again fitting that I take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their continued hard work and support.

Back to school from Tuesday 6th September 2022

The academy will re-open to learners on the 6th September 2022, please take careful note of the staggered start times. Learners in specific year groups should return to the academy at the time directed below.

| Timing | Year Groups | Additional Information |
|--------|----------------|---|
| 08:40 | Year 7 arrive | 08:40 – Assembly in the hall. |
| 09.30 | Year 9 arrive | 09:30 – Straight to Tutor Group |
| | Year 11 arrive | 09:30 – Straight to the hall for assembly |
| 10:15 | Year 8 arrive | 10:15 – Straight to Tutor time |
| | Year 10 arrive | 10:15 – Straight to Tutor time |



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Please note:

- Staggered start time for first day only.
- All learners will be expected to arrive before 8:40am from day 2 (7th September 2022 onwards).
- All learners to enter via the main gates, this will be supervised by Senior Members of Staff and Learning Managers.
- A split lunchtime will remain in place.

In terms of timetable, each year group will receive this on their first official day back. This document is important, as it will outline the lessons they need to attend (period and location) as well as break and lunchtime timings. It is important that learners go straight to the locations highlighted above. Normal timings will resume from day 2 (7th September 2022), when it is expected that all learners will be in school before 8:40am.

Over the summer holiday, we will continue to send out further communications. In the meantime, if you have any queries please email helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy summer with your family.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Dhami
Principal



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