

**Open Academy Update 10th July 2020**  
**For parents and students – please do discuss the contents with your child!**

Welcome to our newsletter, the penultimate one of the of the academic year! It is amazing to think we are almost at the end of term already, just as we have been getting to grips with virtual schooling.

I am delighted to report that our plans for a full re-opening of the school in September are gathering pace and detail every day at the moment and we are hopeful that if the latest guidance remains the same, then **we should be back to full time school for all at the start of the Autumn term!**

It won't quite be business as usual though as we will be introducing a number of changes in order to try to keep everyone, staff and students, as safe as possible as the virus risk diminishes. **The first item this week therefore is an overview of our developing re-opening plans.**

In summary we will be keeping the students in year group bubbles. We will not be social distancing them from each other as that is almost impossible, however we will be staggering start times.

We will also be splitting break and lunch for pairs of student bubbles and encouraging the students to wash/sanitise their hands regularly. Staff will socially distance from students and each other as much as is feasible and we will instigate a one-way system to ensure we are minimising face to face contact.

Above all however it will be vital that if you child develops any of the Covid19 symptoms of a new persistent cough, temperature over 38.5, and or loss of taste or smell, that you **DO NOT SEND THEM IN TO THE ACADEMY**. If they develop symptoms in class, we have robust procedures in place to isolate them and to send them home. Please see item one for more detail

Apart from the great news that we are hoping for the full return in September, I will keep the rest of this introduction brief. I know many of you have been doing fantastic work in keeping your children going with the virtual academy and, as well as encouraging you to keep going as we are nearly there, I would also like to thank you for all your efforts. Everything they can do now is vital, so please do keep them going until the end of term.

**Year 10 & 12 parents/carers please note that the final two days of term ie the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July will be virtual academy only, please do not come in to the academy.** This is to facilitate the full return of all staff, there will be final lessons and activities and assemblies to view for all students but we will be open only for the Open Academy Keyworker Childcare for those final two days

Keep going everyone – we are nearly there – and even if you don't usually read Mark's Chaplain's reflection – **you won't want to miss this week's** – it is a cracker!

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## 1. School Re-opening September

We are currently exploring the possibility of a staggered start to the term in order to facilitate training each year bubble. All staff will be back for training on the 3rd and 4th of Sept. And we will be returning to full time school for all\* from the 7th of September.

\*It may be necessary however to stagger the start of term for the different bubbles to train them fully on the new safety measures so in reality it may well be that Year 7, 12 and 13 start term on Monday the 7th September. They will be joined by year 8 and 9 on Tuesday the 8th September and finally the year 10 and 11 students will start on Wednesday the 9th September, I hope to be able to confirm the start days in my last newsletter of the year next week.

The key changes we are planning to manage the Covid19 risks are summarised below:

1. Students will be asked to arrive in set 5 minute windows and then go straight to classrooms at designated times first thing (they will be able to wait for their slot outside on the tennis courts however we will encourage them to arrive as close to their time as possible)
2. Break is split into 2 - similar to our old split lunch
3. Lunch will be reduced to 30 minutes and split into 3
4. There will be two eating zones (atrium and lecture theatre) the atrium cordoned off to stop cut through and year groups will always eat in their allocated areas
5. The Academy will follow a one-way internal travel system within the building at all times to reduce face to face interaction - clockwise our 'round in two' will change to round in 3 to take this into account
6. Stairs will be up North down South (Except at the end of the day and fire alarm)
7. Students are effectively bubbled in year groups with pairs of years moving together
8. Year 8/9 will always move 3 minutes early. Year 7/ 6th form on time and year 10/11 will always move 3 minutes late
9. Timings will be synchronised and strictly adhered to
10. EVERY room on site will have at least one hand sanitiser - all will use as they enter - instruction for use will be given
11. Staff will distance from classes and each other. We will await most up to date guidance on 2 or 1 m. Some staff may have to remain at 2m even if general advice changes due to personal risk
12. There will be special processes and risk assessments required in planning for, visitors.
13. No gatherings of more than 1 class until further advice (we are planning for this for the whole autumn term)
14. No trips on transport possible until guidance changes
15. We will follow all public health England guidelines and advice in the event of an outbreak

16. In the event of an outbreak we will follow fully the advice and guidance from Public Health England, and when appropriate, reconsider all elements of the plan above

## 2. Year 7 News

Hello from the Year 7 Team!

Lots of exciting things happened this week! We celebrated the launch of the 'click and collect' library service over the summer holidays for you to be able to access books over the break and keep up to date with your reading. Your tutors have shared this information with you on Teams so check it out if you haven't already. We also celebrated our second 'Game On' session on Monday at 3pm – we had 15 students join in with a scavenger hunt and a game of Who Am I! Thank you to everyone who came and I hope that we get even more people joining this Monday, same time, same place.

On to the shout-outs - I would like to congratulate the following students on their exceptional work this week:

- Liliana Read for excellent perseverance with the challenging topic of circuits in Science
- Harisan Martin and Ashton Taylor - brilliant modelling skills in D&T.
- Excellent colour theory understanding in D&T by Elsie Auger, Joel Walker and Lucy Waterfield.
- Niamh Herring and Lacey Folger for their incredible work on both tasks on Biodiversity
- Liliana Read, Harrison Martin, Gracie Britcher, Hollie Smith, Keisha Smith and Ellie Rowley for great engagement in German
- Model making/packaging - excellent effort and skills shown by Ben Coe, Keisha Smith and Ashton in D&T. They have worked really hard to produce testable models!
- Harvey Walters, Harisan Martin, Chloe Blackwell, Jess Brighton, Molly Hammond and Liliana Read for great engagement in Drama
- Elsie Auger for her work and contribution to weekly virtual lessons in Science

Well done everyone!

Lastly, just a note to say that following the information regarding catch-up sessions for students in last week's newsletter, we will be aiming to contact those students who haven't completed as much work as we would have expected in the lead up to the summer holidays. Ensuring they have access to their assignments online and that they understand the expectations set before them will be our priority ahead of September and we look forward to working with you with that aim.

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Lines & Miss Moss

## 3. Year 8 News

One more full week to go, please push all students to complete as much work as possible so ready for a well-deserved break for all.

I will be doing a live virtual rewards assembly for all year 8's on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> from 1pm on Teams, more information will be included in next week's newsletter and Teams leading up to the day.

On Teams I have set up a football channel on the year 8 Teams group, I will be using this going into Year 9 for fixtures, results, league standings etc.

Positive Pathways have sent in certificates for those that took part of the program this year, I will mention those included in the rewards assembly and hand out certificates in September. The results of the online quizzes should be announced soon.  
A Summer opportunity has come up – please see details below:

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Mrs Roe and myself have had an amazing amount of praise from the staff for year 8's which I think is amazing with only a couple of weeks left many of them are still working really well and is a testament to their effort throughout these difficult times.

- Charlie Palmer for excellent news report men's cricket world cup final – EMA
- Samuel Yellop for his art work – NWA
- Hannah Jordan for going above and beyond and creating a scaled model of the solar system in Science - EMA

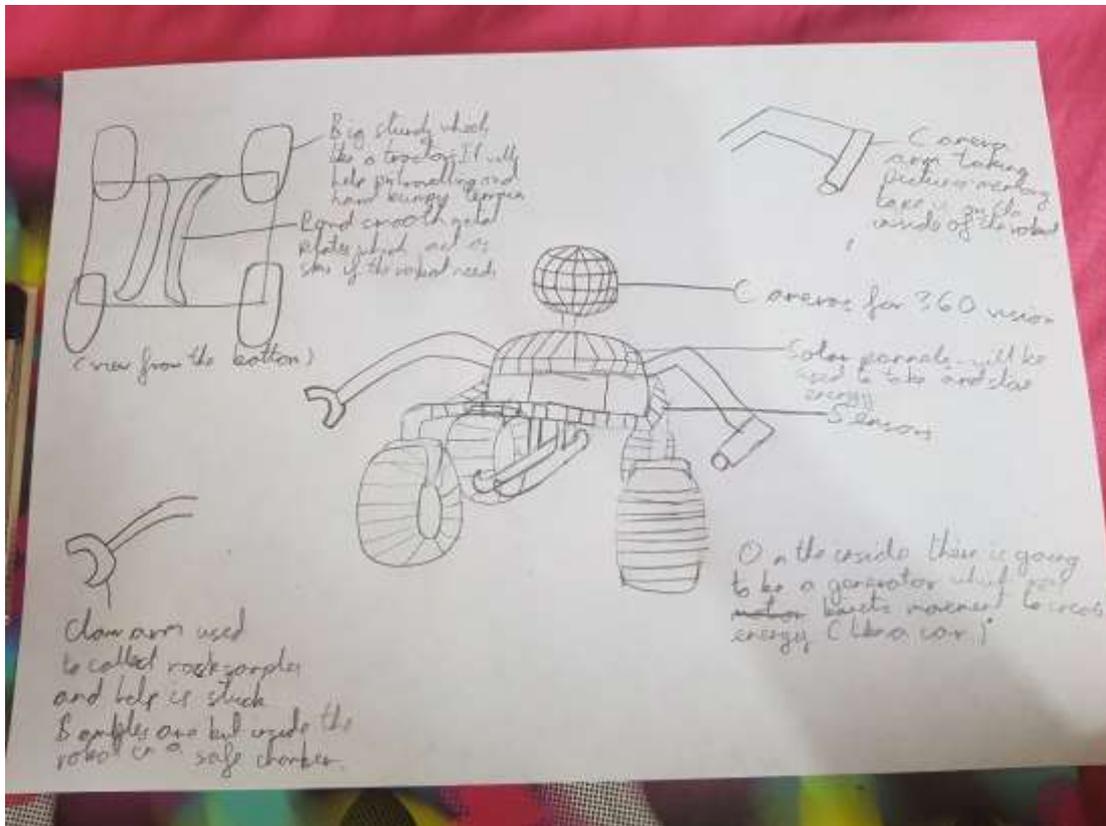


- Samih Ozkan for excellent work in English – ERO
- Nathan Freeman and Freya Graysmark for great work – EO'K
- Jayden Muzembe, Zac Skells, Ella Iftimie-Hau for excellent work in English – CDI

- Kimora Alexander for good work in Spanish – SMC
- Perfect scores on SENECA assignment in English for James Hoy – ERO
- Charlie Slack and Hannah Jordan for their Rules on Cricket PowerPoint – SLA
- Hayden Purvis for good participation in Tutor Challenge – SMAHarry Robinson for SENECA work - EMA
- Board game created by James Hoyer for his tutor project – ATO



- Dalia Rosca for an awesome Mars Rover Design in Science



- Kimora Alexander for an excellent Sports Report on the Men's cricket world cup – EMA
- Jake Folkes and Toby Thompson for great contributions to Spanish Live Sessions - SMA
- Daniel Smajda and Ella Iftimie Hau – top work and relentless hard work in Maths – ABR
- Zac Skells – excellent live session – Hex Champion – Computing – JTH

Some great work in all subjects produced by:

- Summer MacCormack (including cooking) and Grace Moreton.

Commitment to learning mentions this week are for:

- Millie Woodhouse, Samih Ozkan, Mason Perriton, Oliver King, Rhy-Lee Dawson, Freya Graysmark, Josh Wilsea, Erin O'Neill, Gerrard Sandell and Toby Thompson.

#### **4. Year 9 News**

Hello Year 9,

As we approach the final week of term, I wanted to say how proud I have been with the whole year group. Yes, some 'working from home fatigue' set in, but I'm pleased to say I'm still getting so much positive feedback about the year group from the teachers.

I wanted to address how the students can use Teams during the summer break. Their Team classes and assignments will still be available to use and I would ask that all students consider the summer homework as going in and catching up on any assignments that they didn't complete. Even though they are passed their due date, all work can be submitted late and this will stand them in good stead for their return in September.

As ever some really positive 'shout outs' from teachers:

- Aimee Walters and Ema Stuiyte for excellent News Reports on the Men's Cricket World Cup in PE
- Adam Edmundson for excellent language analysis and descriptive writing Leah Walker, Scarlett Taylor, Kieran Baxter and Kacey Richards for great engagement in Spanish
- Zak Pitts, Jess Waterfield for excellent research in D&T.
- Ema Stuiyte for a superb speech on equal right for women
- Mr Bradshaw has said that his whole Year 9 class are 'smashing it' at the moment! Star performers are Tom Walker who has been absolutely awesome throughout and also Lauren Duff and Ella Ash!

Really well done all of you!

I'm looking forward to our final week at our virtual school this term and seeing as many of you engaged as possible!

Many thanks,

Mrs Clayton

## 5. Year 10 News

Hello!

Kicking off another week with our Year 10 superstars for this week, who are as follows:

- Jess Roll, Lilia Colledge, Lottie Sanderson, Lucy Moscrop and Samuel Leverett for great work in Science.
- Daisy Holman, Tilly Butcher and Archie Davison for their continued engagement in English and excellent work submitted.
- Harrison Foster for wonderful descriptive writing in English.
- Lilia Colledge for excellent research around Young Minds website for PSHE. Rosario Furia, Quinlan Orr, Dylan Skitmore, Dominic Kubiesa, Daniel Swatman, Daisy Holman, Charlie Ramm, Calvin Smith and Bayley Squires for excellent IT work.
- Ben Ashby, Calli Atkins, Harrison Foster, Bayley Squires and Daniel Swatman for excellent work on assignments in Computer Science.
- Dylan Skitmore for continually improving his work in DT.
- Lilia College, Alfie Sorrento, Lottie Sanderson, Lucy Moscrop, Lola Thompson, Ben Kimpton, Chantelle Blythe, Ellie Chapman, Ben Ashby, Bayley Squires, Harrison Foster, Chuks Elikwu, Calli Atkins, Rosario Furia and Dylan Skitmore for fantastic English work.
- Ellie Chapman and Quinlan Orr for consistent hard work in Maths. Jeya Kandola for consistent hard work and engagement in BTEC Sport.
- Archie Davison, Oliver Attoe, Lottie Sanderson, Alfie Sorrento, Lilia Colledge, Calli Atkins, Tilly Butcher, Jess Roll, Lucy Moscrop, Lola Thompson, Abbie Spencer, Cara Tipple, Amelie Orr, Ellie Chapman, Daisy Holman, Hugo Hole-Jones and Dylan Skitmore for excellent engagement with the English live support lesson.

Well done and congratulations to you all! Keep up the incredible efforts and engagement.

It has been great to see so many students in the Academy over the course of this week for their phased return into the Academy. On the whole, the work ethic shown and attitude to learning has been excellent and it is important that students take this mind-set and apply it when working from home.

Some parents/carers were contacted via email by Miss Matthews on 16th June regarding the opportunity for some Maths and English online tutoring for our students. This is a fantastic opportunity to receive some tailored online support which we have managed to secure funding for. **The tutoring is worth over £150 per student but it is vital you sign up as soon as possible** or your child may lose out on this opportunity. Please check your emails for this.

Finally, Mrs Lamb and I have completed the handover process for Year 11. However, I will continue to work with Year 10 until I leave at the end of this academic year. Therefore, moving forward, please contact myself, Mrs Pearsall or Mrs Middleton if you have any questions or queries [emma.matthews@open-academy.org.uk](mailto:emma.matthews@open-academy.org.uk) or [ruth.pearsall@open-academy.org.uk](mailto:ruth.pearsall@open-academy.org.uk) or [michele.middleton@open-academy.org.uk](mailto:michele.middleton@open-academy.org.uk).

Many thanks,

Miss E Matthews (Head of Year 10), Mrs Pearsall (Head of Year 11) and Mrs Middleton (Assistant Head of Year 11)

## 6. Year 11 News

We are still waiting for clarity on the results process so I will hopefully be able to fully explain how and when you will receive your results next week as the picture becomes clearer

## 7. Sixth Form News

Happy Friday!

Welcome to the penultimate Y12 bulletin before the summer holidays.

I hope that the students are now settling into coming into the Academy for their one day per week, and feeling more confident about our return in September. Some students have expressed that they feel the private study time on their day in is too long. Unfortunately, there are a number of students that are behind with the work that has been set for them on TEAMS, and this is the perfect time for them to catch up on that. As well as this, they can use this opportunity to access MOOCS, or start preparing for their UCAS or Apprenticeship applications. They will definitely not run out of things to do!

It should also be noted that the timetables will be changing slightly next year to allow for a period 6 session (3-4pm). For Year 12 this period 6 session will be timetabled for two days per week. **Those students that have not engaged with the virtual learning, and have not managed to catch up on work by the time we return in September will be timetabled to attend this period 6 session.** We will be using these sessions to get all students up to speed with where they should be for each subject, and to bridge the curriculum between March and July and those topics that were taught in lockdown.

A date for all Y12's diaries – **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** will be the next part of the virtual UCAS sessions. Please can they log in using the link below just before 1pm.

<https://eu.bbcollab.com/quest/3d40bb0630d74333872e5411976f1845>

## 8. Careers News

- The Royal Veterinary College are running an online 'Animal Academy' for students aged 13 and above. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in a career working with animals to find out more about ways into this fascinating field.

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/rvc-is-open-for-all/widening-participation/opportunities/animal-academy>

- Reminder to Year 10 students - don't forget to log in to [Unifrog](#) and [Help You Choose](#) to start researching Sixth Form and college courses. When we return in September it will be time to start thinking about your post 16 options, finding out about Open Events and making your applications. To get a head start go to [unifrog.org.uk](https://unifrog.org.uk) and sign in with your Open Academy email address, click 'Forgotten password' and follow the email link. Go to the [orange College/Sixth Form](#) tile to begin your research. Also Help you Choose, the Norfolk County Council Careers education website has lots of useful information and is found at <https://helpyouchoose.org/content/>

## 9. Library News and Activities

**Library Click and Collect- Deadline for Reservations**

A reminder that we are now running a 'click and collect' service for library books, allowing students to borrow books over the summer. Please see the documents attached for instructions and guidance on reserving books.

Students who would like to collect books before the summer must request their books by midday on **Thursday 16th July** to be available for collection before the end of term.

### **Open Academy Reads**

Our staff read-a-long continues with another horror story this week. An overnight stay in a haunted castle is the subject of this week's story, 'The Red Room' by H G Wells. Listen

along here: [Open Academy Reads The Red Room.m4a](#)

You can also listen to our previous readings here: [Open Academy Reads](#)

### **Bookish Bonanza Quiz**

Students have been sent a Teams invite this week for an end of year book themed quiz. The quiz will take place on Wednesday 15th July between 15:15-16:00. All students are welcome to join in and should accept the meeting invite if they would like to take part.

### **And don't forget...**

Digital Library- available throughout the summer.

Students are also able to continue to access a digital library of books via MyOn. This is a digital reading platform and offers a range of books suited to all reading abilities. To access the website please use the following log in details.

Go to myon.co.uk <http://go.renaissance.com/o03IP00FZ00z7P1j6DJtko1> and enter your login information:

- a. School Name: Open Academy  
(type the first few letters and select from the drop-down menu)
- b. Username: open085student
- c. Password: read

Click on the Sign In button, select a book, and start reading!

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We look forward to seeing you at your Premier League Kicks Programme very soon!

Any questions, feel free to email [toby.nickerson@norwichcitycsf.org.uk](mailto:toby.nickerson@norwichcitycsf.org.uk)

Kind Regards

## 11. Summer Food Support

Please see the attached summary of what **food support** is available over the summer holiday

Please also see details of the FISH local **free lunch scheme** for residents of Mousehold

## 12. Lockers

For students who have not already done so we are offering an opportunity for them to come and empty their lockers before the summer holidays.

In order to observe social distancing measures, we ask you to come at the time allocated below according to Year group and Surname.

### Monday 13 July

9.30am	- 10.00am	-Year 7 A-C
10.00am	- 10.30am	-Year 7 D-P
10.30am	- 11.00am	-Year 7 Q-Z
11.00am	- 11.30am	-Year 8 A-F
11.30am	- 12.00pm	-Year 8 G-P
12.00pm	- 12.30pm	-Year 8 Q-Z
1.00pm	- 1.30pm	-Year 9 A-D
1.30pm	- 2.00pm	-Year 9 E-R
2.00pm	- 2.30pm	-Year 9 S-Z

**Year 10 will have the opportunity when they are in on their teaching day in school next week.**

## 13. Sale of Uniform

For those of you needing to purchase uniform for September, we are planning to open our uniform shop during August for the sale of blazers and ties only. **Due to current restrictions this will need to be carried out on an appointment only basis.**

If you need to make a purchase please phone 01603 481640 and select option 3 to leave a message with contact details and we will get back to you during August to arrange an appointment for collection.

#### **14. Cashless Catering - On-Line Payments**

As an Academy we have been moving towards becoming cashless with the introduction of an on-line payments system. With the risks associated with handling cash during the current Covid-19 pandemic we would encourage all parents to move to this now. This allows you to pay for lunches, uniform, locker keys and other items all via parentmail meaning cash does not need to be brought into school. For those already not registered for on-line payments a link will be sent during the next week to enable you to do this.

#### **15. Mark's Chaplain's Reflection**

Mark's YouTube channel is always here for catch up

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0bFD8fTH51nCxSHdJIYIJg>

This week's reflection is here

[https://youtu.be/CjOym\\_HsnV0](https://youtu.be/CjOym_HsnV0)

Hello everyone and I hope you have had a great week. I saw this quote by Zig Ziglar the other day and it really challenged me. "It's not what happens to you that determines how far you will go in life; it is how you handle what happens to you".

Sometimes life hands us difficulties we can't understand or explain. We have each faced the distress and negativity that comes when we get in a tight spot. It's scary to find ourselves in situations that lay outside our control. What do we do when this happens? Do we just give up and let these situations bury us? I want to tell you one of my favourite stories and it goes like this.

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out a way to get him out. Finally, he decided it was probably impossible and the animal was old and the well was dry anyway, so it just wasn't worth it to try and retrieve the donkey. So, the farmer asked his neighbours to come over and help him cover up the well. They all grabbed shovels and began to shovel soil into the well.

At first, when the donkey realized what was happening he cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quietened down and let out some happy brays. A few shovels loads later, the farmer looked down the well to see what was happening and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of soil that hit his back, the donkey was shaking it off and taking a step up.

As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel soil on top of the animal, he continued to shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, to everyone's amazement, the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

I want to encourage you today. That is the key to any crisis.

It's not what is happening but it's how we respond to it. The situation that came to bury the donkey, gave the donkey a way out because of the way he handled adversity. Life is going to try and bury us but the secret to overcoming adversity is to shake it off and to use it to

take a step up. Every adversity can be turned into a stepping stone. Let's choose today to not give up but to persevere.

In closing, the Bible talks about how God is always there to help us in hard times. It says this. "I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along".

Be encouraged and I pray that God would continue to strengthen you in every way. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

God bless

Mark.