

## Principal's Bulletin

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our students back to The Open Academy this week after the summer break. The start of a new school year always brings with it a sense of excitement and opportunity, and I have been very impressed with how well our young people have returned, ready to learn and determined to succeed.

This week, I have led assemblies with all year groups, focusing on the importance of making a positive start—not just to the school year, but to every single day. One of the key messages I shared with students was that if we want to change the world, we should start with something small and achievable. In practice, that might mean beginning each day by completing a simple task, such as making your bed. It gives us all a sense of accomplishment before the day has properly begun, and if we can get the small things right consistently, the bigger challenges become much easier to face.

I would be very interested to hear from you about how students are getting on with this daily task at home—please do let me know if the bed-making revolution has taken hold in your household!

Across the Academy this week, staff and students have been focusing on expectations and consistency. Getting the basics right—how we wear our uniform, how we arrive at school each day, how we treat one another—sets the tone for everything else. Two of our key areas of focus at the start of this year are **uniform** and **attendance**. We want all of our students to take pride in wearing their uniform correctly and to understand that excellent attendance is the foundation of success in school. Thank you for your support in ensuring these standards are upheld at home.

I am very much looking forward to working with you over the year ahead. Together, we can ensure that every student at The Open Academy has the best possible chance to flourish.

With best wishes,

**Dan Bagshaw**  
Principal