

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**RE: End of Term Arrangements**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. As we approach the end of the academic year, firstly I'd like to thank you for all your support this year as we have navigated through the pandemic together to ensure our children can learn and achieve. I'm looking forward to welcoming Year 11 students to the Academy to collect their results on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August and shall write separately to confirm arrangements.

It is vital that over the Summer, we continue to do everything we can to be as safe as possible. Despite restrictions lifting, cases of Covid-19 continue to rise. We have felt the impact of this recently at the Academy as trips have unfortunately had to be cancelled or postponed. You will have seen locally that many schools have had to close to classes and year group 'bubbles'. Due to our extensive safety measures at JQA, and swift action taken if we have had a positive case, we have managed to remain open for all year groups up to now.

I'm proud of the way our community responds when we are faced with challenges.

We have today **issued all students with packs of Covid-19 test kits so they can continue to test over the holidays twice weekly** – we are committed to ensuring we help to protect this community and I urge us all to continue to abide by 'common sense' measures such as wearing face coverings in crowded, indoor spaces and trying to maintain distance where we can to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. We all want students to be able to return safely to school in September so it's important we all play our part in making this happen.

**End of Term Arrangements:**

**On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, students in Year 8 and 10 will be dismissed at 12.20. Students in Year 7 and 9 will be dismissed at 12.40. 'Grab and go' lunch packs will be available to any student who wants to collect and take one.**

The site remains open over the Summer holidays and you can call us between 8am and 4pm on 0121 729 7220. We have some exciting events such as our Year 6 Summer School taking place from August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our last newsletter of the year is published on Wednesday of next week, to capture many of the wonderful things that are happening such as the Year 11 Prom and Rewards assemblies for all students. To families celebrating Eid this week, we wish you 'Eid Mubarak'.

### **Parent Symposium and Survey:**

We love to hear feedback from our community: last night, lots of parents/carers attended our termly Parent Symposium. A video recording of this is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/JQASummerParentSymposium> We would be grateful if you could take a moment to complete our termly Parent Survey by next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> July):

<https://forms.office.com/r/rVF2X2MMga>

I will of course write to you again in August to confirm the arrangements for students returning to school in September in more students do indeed return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (times for year groups to be confirmed). I shall also give full details of uniform and equipment expectations, timings of the Academy day and any further guidance and detail to support your child to start strongly and safely in September.

Yours sincerely



**Mr J Barton**

Head of School