



# Central Academy

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23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you have had a good summer and ready for the start of a new academic year. We have had a really busy summer with lots to celebrate and I can't wait to write to you early next term in our first newsletter of the academic year. I would like to welcome our new Year 7 parents to the school and do hope you and your child are excited about starting their secondary journey here at Central.

I have included a link to our summer press releases for both GCSE [HERE](#) and A-level [HERE](#). I am sure you will join me in congratulating our students for some excellent results this summer.

I am aware there have been some issues accessing end of year reports this has been due to a delay in data from these assessments. We will be publishing this on Arbor by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any questions, please contact your child's Year Team Manager.

Before the summer break, I did write to parents outlining the return to school and I am pleased that we have made no changes to the plan. Below is just a reminder on some key information for the return to school.

### **Student Return Dates**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Teacher Training Day**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 return**

The school site opens at 08:15 and students enter via Lismore Place. At 08:25 the school day begins and any students arriving late must go to main Reception to sign in.

At 08:25 students will be met by their tutor and have a range of tutor activities before Period 1 begins at 09:15.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – All students return**

The school site opens at 08:15 and students enter via Lismore Place. At 08:25 the school day begins and any students arriving late must go to main Reception to sign in.

At 08:25 students will line up in forms on the astro-turf to meet their tutor and get ready for the day ahead. Students will then be escorted to their form rooms for our reintegration during Period 1. From Period 2 the school day will then run as normal.

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## The School Day

A reminder we moved to a single break in the final half term. This will continue this academic year as outlined below:

Years 8, 10, 12 & 13		Years 7, 9, 11	
Activity	Time of Day	Activity	Time of Day
Tutor Briefing	08:25 – 08:35	Tutor Briefing	08:25 – 08:35
Lesson 1	08.35 – 10.15	Lesson 1	08.35 – 10.15
<b>Break</b>			
Lesson 2	10.35 – 12.15	Lesson 2	10.35 – 12.15
Tutor Time/Reading	12.15 – 12.50	Lunch	12.15 – 12.45
Lunch	12.50 – 13.20	Tutor Time/Reading	12.45 – 13.20
Lesson 3	13.20 – 15.00	Lesson 3	13.20 – 15.00

A reminder the school site will be open from 08:15 until 16:30 for students to allow for our breakfast club and any extra-curricular activities.

### Uniform

A reminder our uniform expectations can be found on our school website [HERE](#). In our recent newsletter, we provided a number of ways you can request support purchasing your school uniform. A reminder if you are entitled to free school meals you can receive a grant for school uniform via the County Council – this is a quick and easy process and can remove some of the financial pressures within our school community.

In addition, we are very much aware that some families that do not meet the threshold may need further financial support. Therefore, contact the school via email, if you would like to see what we have in our “boot room”. We would also welcome any donations for our boot room so we are able to continue supporting families moving forward.

A reminder all students should carry a school bag and any student who does not have one with them will be issued with a bag. We also advise all students to bring their PE kit on the first day just in case they have a PE lesson. If you have any queries, please contact our uniform mailbox at [uniform@rrca.org.uk](mailto:uniform@rrca.org.uk)

### Breakfast, Break & Lunch

Our catering contract will remain the same this academic year. Please see draft menus for September [HERE](#) alongside the medical request form [HERE](#) for any dietary requirements your child may have. If your child requires a specific diet please complete the form and return by the start of term. If your child already attends Central you do not need to complete this again.

The Academy will open from 08:15 – 08:30 for breakfast in the school canteen, this will start from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Students will also be able to take advantage of snacks at break-time as well as a meal at lunch-time. More information including our price list is on the school website which you can view [HERE](#) If you are new to the school, you will be receiving your Parent Pay information shortly so your child can purchase food on their first day.

### Update on Medical Conditions

It is important that we have up to date information regarding any medical conditions, medications or diagnosis so that we can ensure that students are safe and supported in school. If your child has had

any newly diagnosed medical issues that we should be aware of please contact [karen.osborne@rrca.org.uk](mailto:karen.osborne@rrca.org.uk) and a member of the team will be in touch.

Please do not allow your child to bring medication, including paracetamol, into school to self administer. Any medications required on site must be brought in by a parent or carer in the original packaging which states the child's name and dosage required.

### **Bike Safety**

Many students travel to the Academy using bikes. This will continue to operate the same way as last academic year. I have attached an appendix [HERE](#) with key information about cycle routes to and from school. It is vital that students wear the appropriate safety equipment including a helmet when travelling to and from school as the roads around the city centre are very busy, especially at the end of the school day. We also cannot accommodate any electric scooters on school site as this method of travel is illegal.

### **Upcoming Events**

The first half term is incredibly busy and I wanted to share with you a number of key dates for your information:

Virtual Information Evening – Welcome Back to School – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Year 11 Parent Information Evening – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7 Information Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 Open Evening – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 Open Mornings – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Thanks again for all of your support over the summer. We are really excited to welcome students back to the Academy for a new term and a new year. However, if you have any questions feel free to email the school at [info@rrca.org.uk](mailto:info@rrca.org.uk) and a member of staff will contact you with a response.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break!

Kind regards,



**Mr Markham**  
**Principal**