

Friday 13 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year here at Broadoak Academy!

It has been a busy start to term and we are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to our community. We have also welcomed new members of staff and they are hard at work already getting to know the students and planning great learning. As some of our keen eyed students and parents may have noticed, I have begun the year with a broken wrist and so I have had to spend the first few weeks out of general circulation. I am still in school however and can't wait to be able to get out and about to see all our wonderful students.

This summer saw the academy's overall examinations progress improve yet again, and that is as a result of the collective efforts of young people, their teachers and their parents. We have taken another step forward together and we should be pleased! Some of you may have seen Broadoak on BBC Points West on Results Day which featured a piece about last year's Head Prefect, David Oputu-Dawood. Please visit: <https://www.clf.uk/media-coverage-of-gcse-results-day/> to take a look.

Outlined below is the Broadoak Academy Senior Leadership Team and areas of responsibility should you need to get in touch. Our key priorities remain ensuring that learning in the classroom becomes even better, that our most vulnerable students make more progress and that Broadoak strengthens its position as a school of this community, and for this community.

- Ms K McGillycuddy: Principal
- Mrs K Fiddian: Vice Principal (School Improvement)
- Mr M Tipler: Assistant Principal (Culture & Inclusion)
- Ms C Smith: Assistant Principal (Pedagogy & Professional Development)
- Mrs A Massey: Assistant Principal (Raising Attainment)

We have some key messages to share with you to make the year ahead run as smoothly as possible. Please note the following key dates:

Open Evening for Prospective Parents: Thursday 26th September 5.45pm-7.30pm with a presentation in the Main Hall at 6pm. Students may be invited to assist with activities, further details will follow next week.

Late Opening: To allow for the building to be prepared after Open Evening, Broadoak will open later on Friday 27th September at 9.30am, ready for lessons to begin at 9.45am.

Broadoak Academy Inset Days:

- Thursday 24th October 2019
- Friday 25th October 2019
- Monday 6th January 2020
- Friday 3rd April 2020
- Friday 3rd July 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

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Cabot Learning Federation Network Nights: The academy will close at 2.30pm on the following days to allow staff to travel to Bristol for federation wide professional development sessions:

- Wednesday 16th October 2019
- Wednesday 11th December 2019
- Wednesday 5th February 2020
- Wednesday 18th March 2020
- Wednesday 6th May 2020
- Wednesday 1st July 2020

Uniform

Our new Broadoak Academy uniform has been designed and will be on show at Open Evening. You may find the school tie changes quite quickly as the stock of current ties has almost run out. We will expect our Year 7 students who start in September 2020 to be in the new uniform and all other students as soon as they are able to, no later than September 2021. As mentioned before, do get in touch if this presents any difficulties.

Nut free

A member of our school community has a SEVERE nut allergy so we would ask that you do not provide any nuts/nut based products to your child in their packed lunch or as a snack. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Mobile free

As a reminder, we are a mobile free site and we are very proud of how our young people have responded to this. Please do keep emphasising the benefits to their digital health of being mobile free during the school day.

Principal Surgeries

I will be available for Principal Surgeries on the following days, if you would like to meet me to discuss any issues please contact Emma Lincoln, Assistant to SLT, on 01934 422000 to book an appointment:

- Monday 14th October 3-4pm
- Monday 18th November at 3-4pm
- Monday 9th December at 3-4pm

We are looking forward to another great year here at Broadoak Academy.

Yours faithfully

Ms K McGillycuddy
Principal
Broadoak Academy



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