



17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back all of our students to their Academy this year, particularly now that students are able to move around their Academy as they were able to previously. It has been such a wonderful start to the academic year seeing all returning so positively to learning. Following the success of the Rivers Summer Experience even our newest members of Rivers Academy, our Year 7, are already confidently finding their way around their Academy campus and are impressing us every step of the way. Thank you for your support with our undertaking of Lateral Flow Tests on site for every child whose family had given permission while also leading Academic Mentoring one to one meetings for each child.

Students have already this term benefitted from a wide range of events including the Year 12 launch of the prestigious Employability Diploma, training and skills workshops with the British Army and a Year 11 careers talk with a leading music video director.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about our fantastic Year 11 and Year 13 results on our website. It is important to recognise how highly regarded this amazing group of young people are by staff at Rivers Academy. We are so proud of them and of the hard work they put into attaining their results. They have achieved so well across the full range of subjects and we are confident that they will continue to do so next year and beyond. They have been positive, resilient, engaged members of our Academy community and a real credit to their families and communities. Students joining us for the next stage in their education in Year 12 can be secure in the knowledge that with hard work, and the continued incredible investment from staff, they too will achieve exceptional Post 16 results in two years' time. For our Year 13 students, an incredible 36% of entries were awarded an A* or A grade and over half of all entries were awarded grades A*-B. We are really looking forward to hearing of their future successes.

Such phenomenal results, at GCSE and at A Level, are thanks to the incredibly committed support of all Rivers Academy's talented teaching and support staff. At Rivers Academy, all staff work incredibly hard to ensure that each student can reach their dreams. On behalf of Rivers Academy students, I hope you will join me in thanking the entire team at Rivers Academy for their dedication which has led to such outstanding results for students.

Thank you for your support of our policies and practices which have the sole purpose of enabling every student to thrive and enjoy learning and success in a positive and purposeful environment. Every student in our community shares a collective responsibility to contribute to a positive learning environment for themselves and for others. I ask for your full support of our policies and for your continued partnership with the Academy in the best interests of all our students.

We are looking forward to another successful year and recognise that communication between home and the Academy is crucial in supporting our students. Thank you to parents who were able to join us for our Parent Forums last academic year, I do hope that you will be able to join us for our Parent Forums this academic year, the first Parent Forum of this academic year will take place on **Thursday 7th October 2021**.



Below are some key dates for the coming term, more information can also be found on our website, <https://www.rivers-aspirations.org/>

Thursday 30th September 2021 – Open Evening **5.30 to 8.00pm** for current Year 6 students going into Year 7 in September 2022. (Academy Students will be dismissed at **1.05pm**)

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021 – Half Term

Thursday 18th November 2021 – Year 10 Progress Evening **4.45pm to 6.45pm***

Friday 26th November 2021 – Staff Training Day (The Academy will be closed for students)

Thursday 9th December 2021 – Year 11 Progress Evening and 6th Form Open Evening **4.45pm to 6.45pm***

Thursday 16th December 2021 – Year 12 & 13 Progress Evening*

Friday 17th December 2021 – Last day of term (Students will be dismissed at **12.05pm**)

(*More information about Progress Evenings will be given closer to the event.)

Please do get in touch at the earliest opportunity with your child's Academic Mentors should you wish to get in touch or have questions, alternatively staff look forward to being able to answer any questions or put you in touch with the right member of staff at advice@rivers-aspirations.org

Yours sincerely,

Andria Singlehurst
Principal