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To: Parents/Carers of students in all year groups

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on our plans for King's Oak Academy's ongoing development as an all-through school, which include changes to our staffing and teaching structure.

As a reminder, details of the new all-through structure are as follows:

The academy day will continue to follow 5 x 1 hour lessons using a one-week timetable. Teaching and structure in the Acorn (Reception) and Years 1-4 will not change.

In Year 5 & 6, both year groups will remain two-form entry and will continue to learn on the Lower School site. For some lessons, students may move across the site to access specialist facilities, for example, Science, Music or PE. Students will be taught English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and RS by the Year 5 and Year 6 teachers. PE, PSHE, DT, Art, IT, French and Performing Arts lessons will be delivered by subject specialist Middle School teachers.

In Year 7 & 8, both year groups will remain five-form entry and will be situated on the Upper School site. The staffing structure is designed to serve as a transition between primary and secondary education, therefore students will be taught by an increased number of subject specialist staff whilst still retaining elements of primary class group education. Students will be based in a Year 7-8 learning zone for the majority of their lessons and will move across the site to access specialist facilities, for example, Science, Music, PE.

As students transition into the Upper School (Years 9-11), lessons will be taught by subject specialists and where appropriate, sets will be established. The one-week timetable, all option choices for Year 9 into 10 and allocated subjects for Year 10 into Year 11 will remain the same.

We want to allow all students to get a feel of how the new structure will look and feel. Therefore next week (commencing 28 June) we will be holding a "Big Step Up Week". Throughout the week there will be various enrichment activities which we hope will give them a positive idea about what being part of the lower/middle/upper school will be like and also an opportunity to make new connections and friendships in their year groups.

The programme of activities is detailed in attachment to this letter. Students will be given a detailed schedule and timings in their Monday tutor time session or when they return from isolation.

The students who are currently isolating will be given the opportunity to meet with teachers in the various phases when they return to school. Work will be set on insight/seesaw for them whilst isolating.

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Your child will be permitted to wear PE Kit on the following days

Lower School

Students will need their PE kit for their normal PE lesson.

Middle School

Current Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Y 4	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform
Y 5	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform
Y 7	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform

Upper School

Current Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Y 8	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform
Y 9	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform
Y 10	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform

Thank you for your support with our transition to full all through status in September.



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Big Step Week - Lower School

Date	Who	Big Step-Up Week Activity
Mon 28th June	YR, 4 & 5	Tea & Tips: quality, small group or 1:1 meeting between key students, SENCO/D.SENCO and new teacher & teaching partner
Tues 29th June	Y1, 2, 3	Tea & Tips: quality, small group or 1:1 meeting between key students, SENCO/D.SENCO and new teacher & teaching partner
Weds 30th June	YR - 4	Adam Allsortz - Allsortz of Magic, Allsortz of Fun! Fun, Silly Hilarious Children's Variety Show. Using my performance background The Adam Allsortz Show will have the Children in absolute hysterics as well as guaranteed to be leaving the party with a restored/renewed belief in magic. The show is a mix of magic; from a colourful traffic light trick to a hilarious routine with a waiter and his disappearing cup, interactive songs and dances, games and prizes and even a joke competition. The Adam Allsortz Children's Magic Show is something you'll be raving to your friends about!
	YR - 4	Picnics & bubbles Students will join their new teaching team for drinks and snacks. Everyone will have a chance to share stories, sing songs and play games while we fill the spaces with bubbles and music.
Thurs 1st July	YR-4	Big Step Day Students will arrive to school and go to what will be their new classroom. They will be welcomed by their new teacher and spend the day engaged in art and community building games. Parents will collect from their new classes.
	YR - 4	Meet the teacher Parents will be invited to meet the teacher after school. Due to restrictions this will be kept simple with a short bio handed out from the team and the teacher ensuring they are present on the playground until the gates are closed.