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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 5×1 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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Group				
Y 4	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform
Y 5	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform
Υ7	Normal Uniform	PE Kit	Normal Uniform	Normal Uniform

Upper School

Current Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Group				
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 - Upper School

Who Big Step-Up Week Activity Date **HMRC** Careers Activity Year 8 Bristol Bears Sports Activity Mon Craig Capel - Bristol Bears Talk (drive, passion and aspiration for all three-year groups) Year 8, 9, 10 28th June Tutor - Ice Breaker Activity Year 8 BBQ and Sports Activity (PE to deliver) Confidence & resilience building challenge: Adrenaline Assault Course Year 8, 9, 10 Tues Tutor - Team Building Activity 29th June Year 9 Yr9 BBQ and Sports Activity (PE to deliver) PUSH Talk (Motivational and aspirational talk by Edinburgh Fringe Comedians who work to inspire students to increase Weds aspiration and drive) Year 8, 9, 10 30th June Tutor - Problem Solving Activity Team Building & Strategy Task: Escape Live - Virtual Escape Rooms "Sherlock - The Grand Debut" 1.5Hr in tutor groups. Year 8, 9 10 Thurs Tutor - Goals and Aspirations Activity 1st July Yr10 BBQ and Sports Activity (PE to Deliver) Year 10 Bristol Bears Bright Sparks Launch . Extra Life skills tutor session & Upper School standards setting tasks



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