



# The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mrs Alison Sherman

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you will be aware the government has announced that all children should be back in school full time in September. This is excellent news and although academy life will no doubt be different initially, I am confident that students will settle quickly to new routines and make rapid progress in their learning. As I suggested in my last letter, Mr Willerton will share further details with you shortly.

Last week we concluded the selection process for the next Head Boy and Head Girl team. This was a rigorous process and involved students writing a letter of application, producing a video presentation of their vision for the role and finally taking part in a face to face interview. I am pleased to tell you that the following appointments were made.

Head Boy      Jack Jones  
Head Girl     Daisy Street

There will also be two deputies: Alix Dixon and Caitlyn James. I am sure the team will be an asset to the academy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing team for their hard work and commitment, namely, James Rice, Ella Nield, Joel Bailey and Maria Lawal.

I has been pleasing to see that as improvements have embedded at The Sutton Academy, the academy has consistently become the school of choice for our local community. So much so that for September 2019 I increased the Pupil Admission number to 270 and for both 2019/20 and 2020/21 applications have exceeded this figure, and the academy has been oversubscribed.

Therefore, in September we will have 270 students in Year 7 and 273 in Year 8. These larger numbers mean that for each year group we will need an Achievement Leader and a Head of Year. The following colleagues have been assigned to these year groups.

## Year 7

Achievement Leader	Mr A Cawley
Head of Year	Mr A Friar
Senior Leader	Ms L Seddon

## Year 8

Achievement Leader	Mr R Hughes
Head of Year	Mr D Hughes
Senior Leader	Ms L Seddon

## Year 9

Achievement Leader	Miss E Flynn
Head of Year	Miss L Keenan
Senior Leader	Mr K Harker

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### Year 10

Achievement Leader	Miss R Lithgow
Head of Year	Mrs D Wilson
Senior Leader	Mr K Harker

### Year 11

Achievement Leader	Mr L Tootle
Head of Year	Mrs K Biby/Ms L Tickle
Senior Leader	Ms K Harker

### Year 12/13

Achievement Leader	Mrs J Dempsey
Head of Year	Ms R Gittins
Senior Leader	Mrs L Grace

This is a strong team who will both support and encourage our students during the next academic year.

At this time of year we inevitably say farewell to a number of colleagues who move on to pastures new.

Mr Clarke has secured promotion to Deputy Headship at a school closer to his home. Ms G Medare has been appointed to replace him as Assistant Principal, Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare.

Mr Beales has also gained promotion and will become Faculty Leader at Ormskirk School. Mr Huey will replace him as Head of Food Technology.

Mr Griffin has decided to experience teaching abroad and will be moving to Abu Dhabi. His position at the academy will be filled by Miss R Johnson.

We also say goodbye to Miss L Holker she has successfully led the Drama department since 2003 and will be very much missed.

I would like to wish all the colleagues who are leaving the academy the very best of luck and thank them for their hard work and contribution to The Sutton Academy.

Unfortunately, our annual Awards Evening will not take place due to the pandemic. We will however be recognising those students who have excelled in a particular subject area or who have demonstrated an excellent attitude to learning. This will initially be announced via social media and our web site and students will then receive their award in the new term.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your support during my time as Principal of the academy. I leave with a wealth of fond memories and will certainly enjoy hearing of the academy's future successes.

Yours sincerely



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Principal