



# The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Dear Parent/Carer

26 May 2021

## Plans for Monday 7 June

As we fast approach the end of this half term, it is important that I communicate some key details regarding students return to the academy on Monday 7 June.

Parents of Year 11 and Year 13 will be aware that we are confident that we have all the evidence required for their grades this summer. This will mean Year 11 and Year 13 will attend a bespoke timetable from Monday 7 June, which involves some time on site, some time online, preparing them for their next steps. **This will mean we are in a position for all year groups to arrive and finish and the same time, removing the staggered start and finish times currently in place.** Students will still enter the site through separate gates and have the majority of their lessons in their designated block. **All students, (apart from Year 12), will enter site at 8.15am and finish at 2.40pm.** Students must be on site by 8.30am, otherwise they will be recorded as Late.

## Entry and Exit Points:

- Year 7 - The main Standards Gate (this is the gate Year 7 currently use)
- Year 8 - The Music Gate (this is the gate Year 8 currently use)
- Year 9 - The Blue Gate by the Leisure Centre (this is a new entry point for Year 9)
- Year 10 - The Gate by Sherdley Park (This is a new entry point for Year 10)
- Year 12 - Continue to enter through reception for their lessons.

There are huge advantages in being able to remove the staggered start and finish time for parents, students and the academy. With the reduction in student numbers on site, this can be done safely.

At this point, there will be no further changes to the academy day. I will review current measures, such as bubbles, but due to the Indian Covid-19 variant very much being in the news, I do not feel it would be wise to make such a large scale change at this point.

## Plans for the end of Half Term

The academy will close for half term break on Friday 28 May. It will be a normal academy day with students leaving site at their normal finish times. As requested by the Department for Education, the Academy Leadership Team will continue to run Track and Trace for the start of the break in case there happens to be a positive Covid 19 case. The email address to inform the academy is [Covid19@thesuttonacademy.org.uk](mailto:Covid19@thesuttonacademy.org.uk).

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact us throughout the week if you need any support.

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## Curriculum

A number of parents have contacted the academy asking for details of what their child is learning so they can support this further at home. The Curriculum Maps for each subject and year group are on the academy website under Curriculum > Faculties > Subjects. By clicking on the subject area you can scroll down and the links to all curriculum maps are available along with guidance on how parents/carers can support learning at home.

## Sixth Form Student donates hair to charity

One of our Year 12 students, Mackenzie Courtney, raised a total of £305 for the Little Princess Trust. Mackenzie cut and donated her hair to help raise funds for the charity which provides free real hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair due to treatment for cancer or other conditions. It is a wonderful charity which relies heavily on the fundraising efforts of people like Mackenzie. We are incredibly proud of Mackenzie for this kind and selfless act which she completed for a great cause.

## Year 9 & 10 Aspirations Presentations

The start of the summer term saw the launch of a new aspirations programme for Years 9 and 10. Students have had the opportunity to attend talks and workshops hosted by prestigious organisations. The project started with a visit from LA Productions to the academy. The students were able to listen to the experiences of BAFTA winning TV producer Colin McKeown. Later events saw students learn more about future industries with pioneering firm CNC Robotics, and the world of social marketing through a workshop with the University of Manchester. Additional talks will be taking place in the final half term, with the aim of showing our students that there is no limit to their future success.

## Dot-Art Competition

Well done to our Year 9 Art students who participated in the DOT schools Art competition 2021. Dot-Art Schools is an interactive, online, inter-school, art competition, taking place annually and culminating in a public exhibition of the winning artworks and prize giving celebration for teachers, students, and their families. The competition is open to all Primary (Year 5) and Secondary (Year 9) students in the six boroughs of Liverpool City Region. It is designed to nurture talent, raise aspirations and take art out of the classroom into the real world. A panel of respected art professionals' shortlisted three submissions from the academy and the public voted for their favourite from Ella Cayir, Sian Mills and Katie Garner. Congratulations to Ella Cayir who won the overall vote on her piece "Botanical". On 10 June their work will be exhibited in The Port of Liverpool building following a ceremony. The overall winning Year 9 student will have the opportunity to become part of Dot-Art's Artist Membership scheme for 12 months and display their work alongside professional artists. Well done once again to all our Year 9 students who took part. To view all our students' work please visit the following link: [https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/the-sutton-academy\\_88/](https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/the-sutton-academy_88/)



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## Standards

A quick reminder of my previous letter regarding some basic standards and expectations at the academy. Please support your child in their education by supplying the basic equipment below

- A school bag that can at least hold a PE kit, A4 exercise books and equipment. Any bag that can't hold these items is not a suitable school bag.
- Pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener.
- A reading book
- A green pen (provided by the academy)
- A mini whiteboard and pen (provided by the academy)
- PE kit on the days they have PE. **Students will be expected to borrow a kit if they have forgotten their own.**

A reminder that facial piercings are not allowed at the academy. This is not a new rule at the academy, if students do attend with their nose pierced for example, it will have to be removed.

Thanks once again for your continued support, it has been another enjoyable half term at the academy. We look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 7 June.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Willerton  
Principal

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