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Dear Parent/Carers

I am sure that we are all breathing a sigh of relief as we head towards the end of this academic year. A year, which has been full of change and unpredictable and unprecedented obstacles. It has been heartening to see how as an Academy community we all have adapted to these changes and done our best to continue which our normal Academy routine and I would like to thank all parents, carers, students and staff for this!

I am looking forward to the start of a new academic year in September and have listed some key information below:

### September 2021 – COVID-19

Following on from Boris Johnson's Step 4 Roadmap which comes into effect on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, I can confirm that when students return to the Academy this September:

- Control measures will remain in place and include the use of hand sanitiser on entry to the Academy and in all classrooms, enhanced and regular cleaning of toilets and public areas throughout the day, ventilation of all areas and weekly 'fogging' of the entire building will continue.
- Students will no longer be required to be taught in year group bubbles.
- We will not have separate breaks and lunchtimes for students in individual year groups.
- There will not be a staggered start or finish to the Academy day.

### Lateral Flow Testing

- All secondary school students will be given the opportunity to access two onsite lateral flow tests, 3 to 5 days apart on their return in September. This of course will be with parental consent [currently in place for Year 8, 9, 10, and 11 students.] and a separate letter has been sent out to all parent/carers with access to consent forms for LFT.
- Below is the scheduled times and days for students to access a LFT at the Academy:

Date	Year group	When	Location
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Year 7	During the Academy day	Main Hall
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Years 8 and 9	7.30am to 8.30am	Main Hall

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Years 10 and 11	7.30am to 8.30am	Main Hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 7	7.30am to 8.30am	Main Hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Years 8 and 9	7.30am to 8.30am	Main Hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Years 10 and 11	7.30am to 8.30am	Main Hall

- Children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case but will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be advised to take a PCR test.

### Wearing PE Kit

- Continuing from September – students will be allowed to wear their PE kit to the Academy on the day that they are timetabled to have PE.
- This is a privilege and if students take advantage of this opportunity and wear their PE kit on days they are not supposed to, then this privilege will be removed for the rest of the year.
- Only the regulation Brompton Academy PE kit is allowed to be worn and no other alternatives are acceptable.
- Students should **not wear their blazers** with their PE kit – but just a coat or the regulation BA PE sports top.

### Student Ties/Mini Schools

- In September all students will be issued with new ties which will denote the Mini School to which they have been allocated. Each Mini School has a different coloured tie.
- There are 5 Mini Schools at the Academy which are aligned to the schools of learning at the University of Kent – Rutherford, Keynes, Darwin, Turing, and Woolf. All students including students from the Eliot Centre will belong to a Mini School.
- There will be an equal distribution of ability, gender, race etc across each Mini School and there will be no prejudice applied in allocating students to each Mini School.
- **Parent/carers are not required to purchase ties from the uniform shop as we will be providing ties for all students and will not be required to pay for their child's tie.**
- Further information about our new Mini School system will be sent to all parent/carers in a separate publication at the end of August.

### Examination Results

We are looking forward to celebrating the efforts of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who with support from their teachers have worked so hard to ensure successful outcomes from their studies.



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## Year 13 Results Day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Students will be sent a specific time slot to attend during the day informing them when they can collect their results. This information will be sent via a separate letter.

## Year 11 Results Day - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Students will be sent a specific time slot to attend during the day informing them when they can collect their results. This information will be sent via a separate letter.

## Returning to the Academy – September 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – Staff Training Days. The Academy is closed to all students.

**3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Year 7 and Year 12 students only.

**6<sup>th</sup> September** – All year groups return to the Academy.

## Timings of the Academy Day

- Students are allowed on site from 8.15am onwards.
- The Academy day finishes at 3.00pm
- **Years 7, 8 and 9** will use the main entrance/exit to the Academy.
- **Years 10 and 11** will use the Community Entrance/exit to the Academy.

## New Year 7 Students – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

- Please wear your **PE kit on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** as there are several activities on this day.
- A snack will be provided at break time, but students will need to bring a packed lunch with them or money to buy lunch from the Refectory. If your child receives FSM [Free School Meals] their lunch will be provided.
- Breakfast will also be available to purchase.
- Parents/carers will receive details on how to sign up for ParentPay via a letter on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 and this system will be activated by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## Key Dates for Term 1

**9<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 11 Strategy Evening

**16<sup>th</sup> September** Year 7 Personal Tutor Evening

**23<sup>rd</sup> September** – BA Open Evening - Students finish at 12.00pm

**24<sup>th</sup> September** – Staff Development Day - Academy is closed to all students

**25<sup>th</sup> September** – BA Open Morning

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** – End of Term 1

**8<sup>th</sup> November** - Start of Term 2



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I would like to thank all the staff at Brompton Academy for their commitment throughout this year. They have all been exemplary, in supporting our students and going the extra mile to look after them, no matter what their role at the Academy has been.

Finally, to all our families at Brompton Academy and to all the staff who work here, please have a safe and enjoyable summer and fingers crossed for a more positive year ahead.

Yours faithfully

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