

4 September 2023

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

I hope that you have all had a good and restful summer break. I am absolutely delighted to be taking up the position of Principal at Huish Episcopi Academy and am looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the forthcoming weeks.

As Principal I will hold high expectations for standards, academic aspirations and outcomes for every student. I understand that fantastic schools can achieve strong examination results whilst also providing a rich, varied, and enjoyable education that develops the character of each young person. My leadership at Huish Episcopi Academy will aim to secure academic excellence while supporting students in embodying the school's values as ambitious, resilient, and respectful young people, ready for success in their chosen paths upon leaving Huish Episcopi.

As we move into this new academic year, I will work with colleagues to continue to build on the excellent work carried out by Mr Parnell and the Huish team last year ensuring that we have the highest standards of behaviour and achievement for all our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students on the examination results that they received over the summer break. We wish all the students the very best for their future plans and we are delighted to welcome back a number of students who are joining us as members of the incredibly successful Huish Episcopi Sixth Form.

As we start the new term, there are some key reminders that we would like to share with all parents and carers.

### Start to term arrangements

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on the following days this week:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7 and Year 12

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – All year groups

### **Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Workers**

The following Heads of Year and Pastoral Support workers have been allocated as follows:

Year	Head of Year	Pastoral Support Worker
7	Ms Robinson	Mrs Wells
8	Miss Cawthorn	Mrs Rogers
9	Miss Mason	Miss Rose





10	Mr Wood	Mr Vigar
11	Mr Walby	Ms Aylett

# **Tutor groups**

Information about your child's tutor group can be found in the body of the email sent with this letter. The number refers to your child's year group and the letters are the initials of your child's tutor. Please see the attached tutor group list which details the tutor's full name and room. Please can you share this information with your child ahead of their return to school. Students will meet their tutor at the start of the day in the following locations.

Year	Location
7	Bottom side of courts
8	Top side of courts
9	Gym side of main playground
10	Sports hall side of main playground
11	Science playground

## **Uniform expectations**

As outlined in the parental letter sent by Mr Parnell during the summer term we will be ensuring that all students wear their Huish uniform with pride as they return to school. Students will need to wear their uniform as outlined on the uniform expectations on the <a href="school website">school website</a> this includes the wearing of shoes and not trainers. For clarity I can confirm that Nike Air Force 1s or other branded trainer are not acceptable.

## **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to welcome the following new colleagues to the Huish staff this academic year.

Mr Daniel	Vice Principal
Mr Scrivenor	Drama Teacher
Mr Akinpelu	PE Teacher
Mrs Rose	Pastoral Support Worker
Miss Cadieu	MFL Teacher
Miss Davey	PE Teacher
Mrs Smith	Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Boeg	Recovery Room Manager
Mrs Hills	Science Teacher





Mr Taylor	IT Teacher
Mrs Noyce	English Teacher
Miss Pesce	Receptionist
Miss Reid-Vaughan	Attendance & Admissions Officer
Mrs Frampton	Administrative Assistant
Mrs Rayner	Human Resources Assistant
Ms Smith	Science Teacher
Mr Hamilton	Science Teacher
Mrs Hunt	LSA
Miss Hounsell	LSA
Mr Beecher	Cover Supervisor
Mr Rybak	Cover Supervisor
Mrs Coleman	Administrative Assistant

### Communication

As we move into this new academic year, I am keen to ensure that we have clear and regular communication with all families. Your child's tutor is your first point of contact for any concerns linked to your child's education.

I will write fortnightly to all parents and carers, including key information and events taking place within school. We will also move to increase the use of social media channels to enhance communication.

We will be holding year group information evenings during this half term to provide key information for parents and carers about the year ahead. Further information will be sent out regarding the dates for these later this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely



