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18th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are again at the end of another very busy academic year. This has been a year that has given us the opportunity to recover from the pandemic and get back to grass roots education. Unfortunately, the spectre of COVID has not been eliminated and we have had a lot of absence from both staff and students with COVID related illness. I would like to thank the professionalism and dedication of our staff this year, they have supported sick colleagues and covered lessons so as to minimise disruption to learning and avoid sending any year groups home due to shortages of teachers.

This year has seen a return to the exam system, and I would like to say well done to our year 11 and 13 students who managed themselves impeccably during a long exam season. I look forward to their positive results in August. It has been a busy year for Kettering Science Academy continuing our school improvement focus and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support in helping us make KSA the 'best it can be'.

Our staff have been busy organising events for the students and the highlights have been our 'World of Work Week' the James Acaster visit which made national news and all the fantastic sporting and co-curricular activities put on throughout the year. All this is proving that at KSA we are striving to give all our students Knowledge, Strength and Ambition in everything that they do. A good school does not stand still but always strives to better itself.

Students will return on **Monday 5th September** refreshed and ready to learn in accordance with the following times for each year group:

Year 7	08:25 – 08:43am
Year 8	09:45 – 10:00am
Year 9	10:00 – 10:15am
Year 10	10:00 – 10:15am
Year 11	10:45 – 11:00am
Year 12	08:43am
Year 13	08:43am

Students in Years 7-11 will enter the academy and will be escorted to the relevant place by their tutors. Please note that the time for Year 13 students is only relevant to those students that will be in the academy on that day as most will be partaking in work experience. All year 13 students will return from Monday 12th September at 8.45am.



I would also like to remind you of our strict school uniform policy. Please see our expectations on our website should you have any queries. <https://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=89>. Please can you take the time over the summer holidays to make sure that your student has the correct uniform, bag and equipment for school so they can return ready to learn in September. There is no room for negotiation with our policy and our expectation is that every student follows it.

I would also like to reiterate that we are a no mobile phone school. If students bring these to school, they do so at their own risk and they must be turned off and left in their bag not being used during core school hours. Should you as a parent/carer need to contact your student in the school day please ring reception and the situation can be dealt with.

Finally, I would like to inform you that the school gates close at 08:43am, if your student arrives to school after 08:43am then they will receive a late mark that will result in a detention.

Should you or your student need any support during the holidays we have wellbeing information available on our website: <https://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=Family+Support&pid=351>. Within the family support pages you will find advice and support which we hope will be helpful to you and your family.

I do hope that you can all have a good summer break and that the increasing cost of living still allows you all some down time. I thank you for your support this year and look forward to working with both you and your students in September.

Yours sincerely



Tony Segalini
Principal

