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Dear parents and carers,

I trust this letter finds you in good health and I hope everybody has had a good summer break. I am looking forward to welcoming our students back to Kettering Science Academy for the new academic year, a year hopefully without further disruption so that we can maximise everybody's learning. I would like to remind everybody of the following points so that every student will get maximum benefit of their return to school:

1. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September we are welcoming back to school Year 7 and sixth form students, both of which will enter the academy through the main entrance. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September we will be welcoming Year 11, who will be based in the AMI faculty and will enter via the ramp at the front of the building. Year 8 will also return on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and will be based in the MIT faculty and enter in the same way. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September we will welcome year 9 who will be based in the EHB faculty and will enter through the community entrance. Year 10 will also return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and will be based in the science faculty and will enter the same way. On all days school starts as normal at 08:40am.
2. Please ensure that your student is in the correct school uniform, details of which can be found on the website via the following link: <https://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=89>. This includes an appropriate school bag as we are no longer using lockers.
3. All students other than year 7 must ensure they have their ID cards and if this is an issue must inform their form tutor on day one. We will be issuing all students with new lanyards which are a different colour for each year group, this is an essential part of our school uniform and all students must wear their lanyards at all times. Year 7 students will receive their ID cards and lanyard upon starting at KSA.
4. Please ensure that for break and lunch you have put money on your student's card so they are able to purchase food as appropriate, this can be done online via the following link: <https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?mID=103699&ACT=nav>.
5. We are moving to a new system of lunch and break times which will be more progressive and increase learning time for all students, however this must be a swift system and students must have their cards with the relevant funds available where appropriate. Packed lunches are of course welcomed and students will need to keep them in their bags. The academy day will now run as follows:

KS3		KS4	
TUTOR TIME	08:45 – 09:15	TUTOR TIME	08:45 – 09:15
LESSON 1	09:15 – 10:15	LESSON 1	09:15 – 10:15
BREAK	10:15 – 10:30	LESSON 2	10:15 – 11:15
LESSON 2	10:30 – 11:30	BREAK	11:15 – 11:30
LESSON 3	11:30 – 12:30	LESSON 3	11:30 – 12:30
LUNCH	12:30 – 13:00	LESSON 4	12:30 – 13:30
LESSON 4	13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	13:30 – 14:00
LESSON 5	14:00 – 15:00	LESSON 5	14:00 – 15:00



6. Following government guidelines as already stated in my previous letter we will be testing students twice over the space of two weeks using the lateral flow test system, when they return to the academy. I highly recommend that all students use this service, please ensure you have completed the consent form as this is required before testing is carried out on students. You can access the consent form via this link <http://bitly.ws/fzvK>.
7. We will be following all government guidance on COVID and as such we now allow the mixing of students and a far more conventional education provision. However I would advise all students and parents when in the building to observe hand hygiene at all times as we have adequate supplies of hand gel available, and to also avoid any unnecessary physical contact with peers in order to keep infection low. If any student display any symptoms or come into contact with anybody at home with COVID, please advise the school immediately and do not send the student in until a PCR test has been carried out. I have included a link to the most up to date guidance for parents which you may find useful:  
[Information for parents and carers: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/information-for-parents-and-carers-coronavirus-covid-19)
8. Just a reminder that our main communication system at KSA has moved to EdulinkOne, if you have not signed up for this yet please do as soon as possible. Further information on how to do this is available on our website by following this link:  
<https://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/news/?pid=50&nid=7&storyid=1459>.

I am really looking forward to this new academic year which is a chance to further promote student educational progress so that we can give them the best possible life chances, especially after the difficult year that we have just had. I look forward to working with both you and your student this year and send my best wishes for everybody's success.

Yours sincerely



**Mr A Segalini**  
**Principal**

