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Miss Sylvia Thomas – Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all of your support this term. We gave the Y11s a rousing send off this week and now look forward to seeing them again at the prom on July 2nd 2021 at Compton Verney and then for results day on Thursday August 12th 2021. We could not have been prouder of them. Our Year 13 cohort have had a phenomenal two years and their work over the last few months has been stunning. They will be having their leavers' celebration in the week we return and the weather forecast looks like we will be blessed for their picnic.

This is a reminder about the arrangements for the first day back on Monday 7th June 2021.

Students will be coming in for a welcome back assembly with members of the leadership team and then going to normal lessons. They must arrive at the designated times below, not beforehand.

Year 7	9.00 a.m.
Year 12	9.00 a.m.
Year 10	9.30 a.m.
Year 8	10.00 a.m.
Year 9	10.30 a.m.

We now ask that students come to school and leave every day in their school uniform rather than arriving/departing in their PE kits. Lessons are now all 1 hour in length again so they can get changed in their normal way.

Breaktime and lunchtime food

As of Monday 7th June we will be back to a canteen service. Please note that you are no longer able to order and pay online. We will be accepting cash only at the tills. It would be really helpful if you could send your children with the correct change.

If your child is FSM then they will be entitled to their main meal at lunchtime. If they want to purchase extra food at breaktime they will need to bring money.

Face coverings

Many students have decided to continue wearing their face coverings in the classroom and we are more than happy that this is the case. We are still requesting that students and staff wear face coverings in the corridors as we are moving around school.







Lateral flow tests

Your child will have been sent home today with enough LFT kits for the holiday period and beyond. Please ensure that you test on Saturday 5th or Sunday 6th June before the children return to school on the Monday. We currently have some year 10 students self-isolating after coming into contact with a positive case whilst playing for their sports team, so we must remain vigilant, especially with cases of variants of concern now increasing around the country.

Keeping your children safe on the internet

We have become more and more concerned recently about the number of young people in our school community who are in contact with people who purport to be peers of their age but the students have no idea of their real identities. We ask you to keep an eye on your children's social media activity to look out for possible signs of grooming.

And finally

We are proud to announce that our children's work is being showcased on the Warwick University Art and Design site. Lois Jones was a PGCE student on our campus earlier in the year and she has chosen work from our students to highlight what they achieved.

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LOIS JONES

Core

WATERCOLOUR

Aim: To develop pupils' skills in watercolour painting.

Group: Year 7 at Wykham Park Academy.

Learning: Following a demonstration on using watercolour techniques to create backgrounds, pupils experimented with the process, creating abstract paintings and referencing the work of artist Helen Wells.

Pedagogy: How can we encourage experimentation and genuine risk taking in Art and Design?







We wish you a happy and safe half term break

Yours faithfully

Sylvia Thomas

Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus