

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: Newsletter – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

I am writing to you at the end of a busy week (and our first week back after half term). Firstly, a big ‘thank you’ to the students at BOA who – despite the unsettling news of a second lockdown across England – continue to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner around the building and during lessons.

**Recognition of Excellence:**

It has been my absolute pleasure to view the summer projects submitted by Year 10 and Year 12 students in September 2020. Subject teachers nominated some of the best submissions and I have recently written to all students to congratulate them on the quality of their work. We will release a montage very soon to showcase the exceptional talent and creativity captured by the summer projects.

Congratulations to the following students in Year 10: Martha Barrington-James (Acting); Harrison Lamb (Acting); Joseph Bashayi (Creative Media); Halo Palenkov (Creative Media); James Pell (Creative Media); Ellie-Jay McCalliog (Dance); Nicole Pritchard (Dance); Darcie Eglefield (MT); Meg Hambleton (MT); Nick Cureton (Music); Isabella Giorgia-Jones (Music); Jacqueline Loufilou (Music); Isabella Beckett (Visual Art & Design); Chloe Upton (Visual Art & Design)

Congratulations to the following students in Year 12: Daisy-Lou Gallagher (Acting); Harriet Tatem (Acting); Ellie Lomas (Broadcast); Rohan Solanki (Broadcast); Amy Jones (Dance); James Mist-Clark (Dance); Jess Redpath (GDNM); Teodora Minetos (GDNM); Edward Taylor (MT); Gabriella Dawson (MT); Raiaz Fisher (MT); Charlotte Venables (Music); India Shinton (Music); Tom Hawkins (Music); Beth Wheatley (TTA); Isabella McDonnell (TTA); Evie Locker (Visual Art & Design); Ethan Walsh (Visual Art & Design); Shoshauna Williams (Visual Art & Design).

**Year 10 and Year 12 Settling-In Reports:**

We are currently carrying out quality assurance of the Year 10 and Year 12 Settling-In Reports and these will be issued next week.

**Year 11 Information Evening:**

As we were not able to open the academy to parents and carers for the Year 11 Information Evening (originally planned for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November), we have produced a ‘recorded’ version of the presentation and will make this available online. The presentation will go live at 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We will email the link later today.

**Parents’ Evenings:**

Due to the national lockdown, we will not be able to hold parents’ evenings on site for the foreseeable future. Instead, we will organise video appointments through School Cloud, an online service which assists parents and carers in booking appointments with teachers. The Year 11 Parents’ Evening will still go ahead on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November (albeit remotely, via video conferencing) and the Year 13 Parents’ Evening will still go ahead on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November (albeit remotely, via video conferencing).

Details of how to use School Cloud and how to book video appointments will be sent out to parents/carers of Year 11 students on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and to parents/carers of Year 13 students on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**Year 11 Mock Examinations:**

A reminder that the **Year 11 Mock Examinations** will start on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November and will end by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. I will send out an overview of the mock examinations today (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November) in order for students to begin planning their revision schedules. We will publish individual timetables (which will officially confirm dates, timings and venues) on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**Success stories:**

Congratulations to Phoebe Williams in Year 12 (Musical Theatre) who is the featured vocalist (Phoebe Brooke) on DJ Myles Away's latest release, 'Burning'. The track has been released on iTunes and can also be found on Sound Cloud and You Tube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPFqXuY\\_j3w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPFqXuY_j3w)

Until my next letter, I do hope you and your family members are good health and good spirits.

Yours truly



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Principal