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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Letter to Parents of New Year 10 Students

I am writing at the end of your child's first week at BOA to pass on my praise for their performances, short films and artwork. I was – as always – in awe of the talent! If today is anything to go by, I am really looking forward to future showcases. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended today and to those who came over to speak with me. It was really nice to meet you all and to start to put names to faces.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who died peacefully at Balmoral on Thursday 8th September. Throughout her 70-year reign, Her Majesty epitomised duty and devotion, to her country, her subjects and to her loved ones.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was a great patron of the Arts and a life-long champion of children, through many charities and trusts. Thank you to the parents, carers and family members for their kind contributions towards the Reedham Children's Trust, which we will donate on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Timetables

Students were given a paper copy of their timetables today. We begin the official timetable on Monday 12th September (Week 1). Please note that the timetables for years 10 and 11 are two-week timetables, as the hours and teaching slots for GCSE option subjects and GCSE Citizenship Studies vary slightly from Week 1 to Week 2. We will send out electronic copies of the timetable in two weeks' time, when we are confident that there are no issues with the classes, groupings or room allocations.

On Monday 12th September, students should be in their correct BOA uniforms. Students will be in core lessons from Period 1 to Period 4 and will need to bring in their pencil cases and associated equipment. They will also be in the arts pathway lessons in the afternoon for two hours and, where applicable, should bring their dance kits or musical instruments, etc.

If there are any issues with timetables or if options subjects appear to be incorrect, please contact me on principal@boa-academy.co.uk

FAQ:

Please remember that it is not possible for students to switch between arts pathway courses. Students applied for specific arts pathway courses and were offered places following successful aptitude workshops. Similarly, we asked all students to be certain of their GCSE option choices ahead of the summer break. As classes are full now, it will be difficult to make any changes.

We will pass information on to you over the coming days and weeks. It never helps to send a deluge of information and we will send out important updates to you at the appropriate time. Next week, we will ensure all students have a locker and that they collect their ID badges.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, here are a few useful numbers or email addresses:

Attendance:

Please phone 0121 359 9309 to report an absence or to raise a query over attendance. You can also email attendance@boa-academy.co.uk

Head of Year:

Miss Arnold (Head of Year 10) can be contacted on holly.arnold@boa-academy.co.uk. Miss Arnold can also be contacted via BOA Reception (0121 359 9300).

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Birmingham Ormiston Academy is Mr Chris Mitchell (Assistant Principal). He can be contacted on chris.mitchell@boa-academy.co.uk. Mr Mitchell can also be contacted via BOA Reception (0121 359 9300).

Principal:

If you need to discuss any issues with me, please email principal@boa-academy.co.uk. I can also be contacted via BOA Reception (0121 359 9300).

General inquiries:

For general inquiries, please email info@boa-academy.co.uk

We aim to acknowledge and respond to all emails within 48 hours (or two working days).

Until I write again, I hope you all stay safe and well.

Yours truly,



Alistair Chattaway
Principal

