



Larwood Academy Trust



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Friday, 16th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term!

I hope that you managed to enjoy the Easter break as best you could with the various restrictions still in place. Students have returned and made a fantastic start to the term. The Summer Term always represents several differences for us and our approach to learning and this year will be the same:

- We always try and use outdoor spaces as much as possible with the better weather that we tend to see in this term. This will take place, but even more so than usual, to help keep potential Covid infection as low as possible.
- Staff will continue to test themselves twice per week using Lateral Flow Tests for any Covid infections. I refer to Covid in greater detail later in this letter.
- We will now work hard to hold our Prizes and Awards Celebrations this year. We will need to consider the format of this and will keep you informed of details as we approach the event in July.
- A lot of work will take place with transition. Again, we will need to make some changes to the usual process. For example, it may well be that student visits take place after school hours to avoid any breaking of 'bubbles' with different groups. Staff at Brandles and Larwood have worked hard to review the associated processes and will try to put, as much in as possible that will help our students.
- As mentioned in my Blog, we have Mr Grover starting with us on Monday 19th April. He will be teaching Performing Arts and English. Alongside this he will have the usual Form Tutor duties. This has allowed us to reappraise our Form Group Staffing and the following changes will be made for the beginning of next week.

2020/21 Teaching Groups

R Turner	J Grover	C Russell	L Wainwright	A Fells	M Hunter	J Wainwright	L Ashley	L Jordan
N Samuels	C Bithray	E Hunter	L Brede	A Turner S Fairchild	M Aujila	B Lee	F Gross	H Costford
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11
Orange	Lime	Red	Yellow	Silver	Green	Blue	Purple	Grey
Room 7	Room 3	Room 1	Room 5	Room 4	Room 6	Science	Art	Food tech

- I am also very pleased to announce that our new music room has been delivered and should be constructed by the second half of this term. This will provide much needed space for the boys to practice and play their instruments with Mr Grover and Mr Fairey.

By the start of the second half of the term, most of our staff will have had their second Covid jab. This will be of great help for the remainder of this academic year. Just as before, it remains essential that you do not send your son into school if they have any Covid symptoms. This helps contain any potential outbreak.

Please note that I will write again during the next few weeks, to outline some structural changes that we are currently planning and getting ready for September. Finally, please ensure that you continue to communicate with us about any issues that may influence your son at school. Working together is a key strength that really helps us to support you. Any information that may help us to understand changes in behaviour is always appreciated.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Pearce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Pearce
Headteacher