



# FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL

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17 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week at Five Acres High School has certainly been eventful and varied so I wanted to take the time to communicate some of the highlights to remind us of what a fantastic school we are all contributing towards.

At the start of the week we began to launch this year's 'Societies and Academies' offer, the take up has been excellent and we look forward to seeing students develop their confidence through this offer. We have also had our first Year 8 Orchestra lessons. This was a personal highlight; watching 150 students pick up an instrument (many for the first time) and enjoy the learning was a real pleasure. It is why a broad and balanced curriculum is so important. We have taken delivery of new equipment for PE (a class suite of rowing machines), a new school minibus and additional outdoor seating thanks to the continued investment of Greenshaw Learning Trust.

On Wednesday we were delighted to launch our new Excellence Pathway programme. This initiative aims to help students stretch themselves academically and culturally and will ensure that participants get to see some of the best speakers and organisations in the country. Today, we finished the week with a visit from local MP Mark Harper to help celebrate the World Class School Quality Mark we received in June. The student Leadership Team also had time to grill him and asked questions such as 'What is the best thing you have achieved in politics?' and 'How has COVID affected your work as a politician?'.

In other news, we are delighted to let you know that during the summer holidays, we were exceptionally pleased to hear that we had been awarded funding from the Turing Scheme, which supports international opportunities for students. Our aim is to use the award to send a number of students to France in June 2022 to perform as part of our school choir at the Fete de la Musique in Coleford's twin town St Hilaire de Riez. We will be working alongside the Coleford Town Twinning Association throughout this project. Due to periods of lockdown, our choir was only able to attend virtually last year, but still had the honour of opening the festival. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to attend in person next year.

I appreciate that many of you will be wanting to hear more details of our plans for the roll out of child vaccines for COVID-19. Whilst the DFE have confirmed that students will be offered vaccines we have yet to receive any further news on when that is expected to happen at Five Acres High School. We are very keen to stress that we will be hosting the roll out only and not taking part in the administering of the vaccine; this will be done in the normal way for all other vaccines such as the nasal flu vaccines due next week. Further information will be sent when we have it.

Next week sees the launch of our NGRT tests. These offer invaluable information about the reading ages of children. They are a good indicator of future success but also help us to ensure we are offering the right support to the right children. We are so pleased that reading is such a huge part of the culture here and would encourage all students to continue to challenge themselves with the reading they bring in for Drop Everything And Read time at the end of the school day.

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Below you will find some important dates for your diary over the coming weeks.

### ***Meet the Y7 Tutor Evenings***

On the week beginning 20 September, parents and carers of our Year 7 students will have an opportunity to meet your child's tutor. Myself and Head of Year 7, Mr Chris Jones, will also be available to welcome you to our school on the following days:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Tutor Group</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Tuesday 21 September	6pm	7SHN – Mrs Harrison	Main Hall
Tuesday 21 September	6pm	7GMM – Mrs Motterham	10 Block
Wednesday 22 September	6pm	7OHY – Miss Harvey	Main Hall
Wednesday 22 September	6pm	7SMJ – Miss Jones	10 Block
Thursday 23 September	6pm	7SWS – Mrs Williams	Main Hall
Thursday 23 September	6pm	7MJS – Miss Jenkins	10 Block

### ***Year 7 Residential***

On the week beginning 27 September, Year 7 students will have the opportunity to secure their first Character Education award and display the core value of Confidence by participating in the Year 7 Residential, earning their Bronze Adventure badge. The year group will be split into three groups over four days and three nights

<b>Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Tutor Group</b>	<b>Depart Five Acres</b>	<b>Return to Five Acres</b>
Group 1	27 Sept 2021	7MJS – Miss Jenkins	4pm	5pm - 28 Sept 2021
Group 1	27 Sept 2021	7SWS – Mrs Williams	4pm	5pm – 28 Sept2021
Group 2	28 Sept 2021	7OHY – Miss Harvey	4pm	5pm – 29 Sept 2021
Group 2	28 Sept 2021	7SMJ – Miss Jones	4pm	5pm – 29 Sept 2021
Group 3	29 Sept 2021	7GMM – Mrs Motterham	4pm	5pm – 30 Sept 2021
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### ***Open Evening/Open Mornings***

On Tuesday 28 September we are hosting our Open Evening, which will feature 3 bookable time slots for the Headteacher's talk (5pm, 6pm and 7pm), plus an opportunity to look around the school. We also have a limited number of appointments for our Open Mornings on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 September from 10am-12pm. Please share with your friends and families who have current Year 6 students. Appointments for the Headteacher talks and Open Mornings can be made by contacting the school reception on 01594 832263 or via email at [admin@5acreshighschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@5acreshighschool.co.uk).

As you can see, there is plenty going on and we look forward to regularly communicating what is happening at the school over the coming weeks and months. I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,



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