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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the Spring term, I would like to thank you for the continual cooperation and support. This term has had its challenges but also seeing the full return of students has been extremely rewarding.

The school community has really pulled together to ensure we remain safe and protect each other. When we return after Easter, to maintain a high level of COVID security whilst students are moving around the academy, the following mitigations will continue -

- Move swiftly using the one-way system
- Wear face coverings (unless exempt) when circulating inside
- Regularly clean hands and work surfaces
- Maintain social distancing wherever possible.

Our expectations remain high, not just academically or with the opportunities we provide, but also in terms of uniform, attendance, behaviour and punctuality.

- Mobile technology is not allowed in school. If it does need to be used to and from school, it should remain in the student's bag and switched off during the school day.
- Facial piercings are not allowed. Students must either wear a plaster or have a clear retainer in its place.
- Chewing gum is not allowed on site.
- All students are required to bring and wear a face mask as they move around the academy, unless they have a medical condition
- Hairstyles should be appropriate. Extreme styles (including brightly coloured hair) will not be accepted. Hair accessories should be discreet (dark colours).
- We take pride in our appearance and the uniform is one that should be worn with pride. Ties must be worn with the rest of the correct uniform. As the weather improves, we will no longer be accepting Hoodies as replacement for school jumpers.
- PE kits must be appropriate to the activity. The appropriate PE kit is listed on the school website.

### **School Issued Laptops**

After the Easter Break we will continue with our laptop roll out. By the end of next term all students will be issued with a school laptop which they will be required to bring to school each day. Many students in each year have already been issued with a temporary solution and these will be replaced with a standardised device.

### **Chantry Academy - Uniform**

We are launching our new PE kit in September; this will be compulsory for all students from the beginning of the Autumn term. However, it is currently available to be purchased from our uniform supplier. Visit [Chantry Academy \(yourschoolwear.co.uk\)](http://yourschoolwear.co.uk) to see our uniform.

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**Home Lateral Flow testing** will continue throughout the Easter break and students were issued with home testing kits in their assembly in the last week of term. Please ensure that you register the result of the test on the TestRegister website.

### **Show my Homework**

After Easter we will cease using ShowMyHomework(Satchel) to communicate homework. All homework will be posted on Microsoft Teams and the school website.

### **SIMS Parent APP**

Shortly, you will be receiving an invite to register with SIMS Parent App. This app will be developed over the next term so that it becomes the one-stop portal for all parents and students to access student level information.

### **Summer Term**

The first day back for all students will be Tuesday, 13 April. We will continue with the staggered start times and students should arrive in time for registration as follows:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
8.20am	8.30am	8.30am	8.20am	8.40am

**Breakfast Club** will re-open on Tuesday, 13 April - attendance is by invitation only.

### **Term Dates**

Looking ahead, half term is from 31 May - 4 June 2021 inclusive. There will be a staff training day on Friday, 2 July and the Summer term ends on Tuesday, 20 July 2021.

### **Farewell and Welcome**

As the term comes to an end we say goodbye to Miss Mitchell, Teacher of Science and Assistant SENCO, will be leaving to continue her career as SENCO at Stowmarket High School.

After Easter, we will be joined by Mr Harrod, our new Head of IT and I am sure you will join us in welcoming him to this community.

Finally, all at the Academy wish you a restful and safe Easter.

Yours faithfully

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