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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to thank every member of our school community for their hard work, commitment and support. It has been a fantastic year at Bloxwich Academy, and I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved.

Throughout the year, our pupils have lived our academy values every single day. Whether demonstrating **Self-Motivated to Achieve**, making a **Valuable Contribution**, **Leading Respectful Lives** or recognising that **Everyone is Equal**, our young people continue to show what it means to be part of the Bloxwich Academy community. These values underpin everything we do and are one of the many reasons I am so proud to be Head of School.

This year has been packed with opportunities that have helped our pupils develop both inside and outside the classroom. We have celebrated pupils through our Book Vending Machine rewards, watched our Year 11 pupils enjoy a fantastic Prom, welcomed our new Year 7 pupils through transition events and celebrated achievements across our four Houses. Pupils have also represented the academy brilliantly through educational visits to the University of Birmingham, the Big Bang Fair, Construction Summit, The Light Cinema, Encyclis Energy Recovery Facility, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Combined Cadet Force activities, STEM Club and many other enrichment opportunities. Their enthusiasm, ambition and conduct have been a credit to themselves, their families and our academy.

Returning in September

We are looking forward to welcoming pupils back for another exciting academic year.

- **Wednesday 2nd September** – Year 7 only return to school.
- **Thursday 3rd September** – Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 return.

From September, **all pupils must be on the school site before 9:00am**, ready to line up for the start of the school day. The **school day will end at 3:30pm**.

Our **free Breakfast Club** will continue to run every morning from **8:00am**, providing every pupil with a healthy breakfast before school. Pupils can also take part in activities including basketball, table tennis and other enrichment opportunities before lessons begin. We encourage every pupil to take advantage of this fantastic provision, ensuring they start each day ready to learn.



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Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance is one of the biggest factors in ensuring pupils achieve their full potential. Every lesson counts. Every day in school provides opportunities to learn new knowledge, develop friendships, take part in enrichment activities and build confidence.

Missing school means missing valuable learning that can never truly be replaced.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of parents and carers in ensuring pupils attend school every day and arrive on time. Working together gives every child the very best opportunity to achieve success.

Uniform Expectations

We have high expectations because we know that high standards lead to success.

All pupils are expected to arrive every day wearing the correct academy uniform, taking pride in their appearance and representing Bloxwich Academy positively within our community.

Our full uniform expectations can be found here:

[Uniform - Bloxwich Academy](#)

Updated PE Kit

From September, pupils should wear the updated PE kit consisting of:

- Official **Bloxwich Academy PE Polo Shirt**
- Plain black shorts **or** plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Suitable trainers
- Plain black socks
- Optional plain black jumper (no hood) and plain black football socks for outdoor lessons

The new PE polo shirt can be purchased here:

<https://clivemark.co.uk/products/bloxwich-academy-pe-polo>

Essential Equipment

To ensure every pupil is **ready to learn from the very first lesson**, please ensure they arrive on their first day with the following equipment:

- Black pens
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- **Glue stick** (*newly added to our equipment expectations*)
- Rubber (eraser)
- Pencil Case
- School bag



Having the correct equipment every day allows pupils to fully participate in lessons without disruption and supports them in developing positive learning habits. We ask for your support in ensuring this equipment is checked regularly and replaced when needed.

Mobile Phones

To support a calm, safe and focused learning environment, **Bloxwich Academy is a no mobile phone site for all pupils in Years 7–11.** If a pupil chooses to bring a mobile phone or smart device to school, it must remain **switched off and out of sight for the entire time they are on the academy site**, including before school, during lessons, at break and lunchtime, and at the end of the school day. If a mobile phone is seen or heard at any point, it will be confiscated in line with our Behaviour Policy. This expectation helps minimise distractions, protects all members of our community from safeguarding risks associated with mobile devices and allows pupils to fully engage with their learning and social interactions throughout the school day. We appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in reinforcing these expectations and helping us maintain a positive learning environment for all.

Staying Safe Over the Summer

Whilst we want all of our pupils to enjoy a fun and relaxing summer holiday, your safety is our priority.

The warmer weather often encourages people to cool off in lakes, rivers, canals, reservoirs and quarries. Although these places may look safe, they can be extremely dangerous. Hidden currents, very cold water, underwater hazards and sudden changes in depth can quickly lead to life-threatening situations.

We ask all pupils to make sensible choices this summer by:

- Never swimming in open water such as canals, lakes, rivers or reservoirs.
- Only swimming at supervised swimming pools with lifeguards.
- Looking after your friends and never encouraging risky behaviour.
- Telling a trusted adult where you are going.
- Calling **999** immediately if someone is in difficulty in the water and never entering the water yourself to attempt a rescue.

Further advice about staying safe around water can be found on the Royal Life Saving Society UK website: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/>.

Support for Families During the Summer Holidays

We know that the summer holidays can sometimes place additional pressure on families. If you need support during the break, there are a number of fantastic organisations across Walsall that are available to help.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Eligible families can access the **Walsall Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**, which provides free holiday clubs, exciting activities and a healthy meal throughout the summer holidays. The programme offers a wide range of sports, arts, STEM and enrichment activities for children and young people across the borough.

For more information or to book activities, visit:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf>



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Food Bank Support

If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, confidential support is available through local food banks, including:

- **Walsall North Foodbank** – <https://walsallnorth.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank** – <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/wellbeing-directory/trussell-bloxwich-blakenall-foodbank>

Community Support

Families can also access advice, community groups, Places of Welcome, family support and local services through the **Walsall Community Network**, which provides a directory of support available across the borough.

For more information visit:

<https://www.walsallcommunitynetwork.co.uk/>

School Nursing Services

Over the summer holidays, parents and carers can access the **Walsall School Nursing Service** for free advice and support on a wide range of issues, including emotional wellbeing, behaviour, sleep, healthy lifestyles, continence, relationships, and additional health needs, by contacting the service directly or visiting [the School Nursing webpage](#) for further information.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our pupils for another wonderful year. You continue to make me proud through your resilience, determination, kindness and ambition. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved summer break, spend time with your family and friends, stay safe and return in September refreshed, motivated and ready for another successful year at Bloxwich Academy.

We look forward to welcoming you back and continuing our journey together as we strive to **Be the Best You Can Be.**

Yours sincerely



Mr J Till
Executive Headteacher



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Head of School

