



Sir Frederic Osborn School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope that you are looking forward to a restful half term. I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the move towards us becoming Ridgeway Academy, part of the Alban Academies Trust (AAT), on 1 September 2018. This is a very exciting time for everyone involved, an historic occasion.

We want our new academy to incorporate improvements to provide our students and staff with a modern teaching and learning environment that will bring benefits for years to come. We already have committed, hard-working staff and students, as well as an extremely supportive school community. We want to maximise this and our new relationship as part of the AAT will help us to achieve that.

Uniform

All current students in Year 7-10 have been fitted for their new uniform and we are awaiting final confirmation from our suppliers, Stevensons, as to when the uniform will be delivered to the school. We will release the details about how it can be collected as soon as possible. There is a newly designed PE kit for Ridgeway Academy which will be part of the uniform for Year 7 students who start in September 2018. We did confirm that current students may still wear their old PE kit until it needs to be replaced, but current students and parents can purchase the new kit earlier if preferred.

Improvements to the building

We have been able to secure funding to improve the window walling in a number of our curriculum blocks. We are also making some improvements to our reception area. All this work will be starting shortly, but I can assure you we have worked hard to minimise disruption to the learning day.

House system

I am delighted to let you know that following the letter sent by Mr Milne's in April 2018, work on the development of a House system for September 2018 has started in earnest.

Staff training

We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to work alongside colleagues from Sandringham School. As part of our induction into the AAT, staff training will take place on Tuesday 5 June 2018. Further to my letter of 16 April 2018, the school will close for all students at 1.05pm (except those doing public examinations who will have a normal day).

End of term arrangements

School will finish for students on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 12.05pm. We will be having our usual end of term assembly but it will be one where we will be remembering Sir Frederic Osborn school but also looking forward to the new Ridgeway Academy. There will be other opportunities for the wider community to join in this process and more details will follow.

These are exciting times for us and by working together it will help us to ensure that in our new Ridgeway Academy, 'everybody can achieve.'

Yours sincerely

Jed Whelan
Headteacher

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