

8th July 2024

Dear parents



I am delighted to share with you some exciting, upcoming developments of The Bridge Academy.

Leadership at The Bridge Academy

From Monday 8th July, I have been appointed to succeed Mr Morris as Head of School. Having worked at the Academy for some time now, I know the children well and am very much looking forward to realising our mission of 'nurturing and empowering young people to be School Ready, Work Ready & Life Ready' with the new Leadership Group, next academic year. I am therefore pleased to share that we have also appointed Mrs Franks from Mere Green Primary School as Deputy Headteacher; Mr Lloyd and Mrs Wakefield who our children will already know to be Assistant Headteachers; and Mrs Evans from a local school, will join us as our Safeguarding Lead. We have also recruited Mr Kellyman, an experienced leader in alternative provision, to Assistant Headteacher from September.

End of Term

We are fast approaching the end of this academic year, and rapidly looking forward to next academic year. We are closing both the Primary & Secondary sites earlier this year for the summer holidays, at 12pm on Friday 19th July. This to ensure that staff have sufficient time to prepare our buildings for the site work, due to start on Monday 22nd July.

Changes to our Rugeley Site

I am excited to share that we have agreed to transition our Primary Phase from the site in Rugeley, into our Lichfield site, from September 2024. This is an exciting development for our Academy, and I know that all children will benefit from the investment in our building over the summer holidays, to accommodate all children from September. Miss Lewsley, our Primary Lead will be working hard to ensure a smooth transition for all children, and staff, in preparation for September. The Class Teachers will be working with Primary children on a transition plan. Our school's new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Franks, will also be meeting with children over the coming weeks to introduce herself, and support children with the transition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Start of the next academic year

To support the transition for our Primary aged children into the Lichfield site, we are staggering the start of the new academic year for all children at The Bridge Academy. The following arrangements are in place:

Wednesday 4th September – children who will be in Years 10 and 11, all other children to learn at home

Thursday 5th September – children who will be in Years 8 and 9, all other children to learn at home

Friday 6th September – Transition Day for children in our Primary phase, all other children to learn at home

All children will then be expected to attend, as normal, from Monday 9th September 2024. All children must be in the correct uniform. A copy of our Uniform Guidance can be accessed on our website.

I am sure you will understand that these changes will only enhance the provision we are able to provide to the children on roll at The Bridge Academy, and I look forward to working with you to ensure that our children receive the best possible education. I wish you a safe, and restful summer break.

Yours faithfully

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