



WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

This will be my final letter to you as Acting Principal as a new Principal, Mr Johnson, will be joining us after Easter (see separate letter from the CEO). I am immensely proud to have led Weston Favell Academy during the last six months; the support of parents, the engagement of students and the hard work and dedication of both teaching and non-teaching staff has been overwhelming. Despite the turbulence of the last few months, there have been so many examples of kindness, resilience and community which will stay with me forever. Whilst I am stepping back from my role as Acting Principal, I will continue to serve Weston Favell Academy as Deputy Principal in charge of Standards and look forward to working with you as your sons and daughters progress through the academy.

Review of Term 4

Students quickly reconnected with their learning and we are so proud of how they have adapted back into academy life. Uniform and punctuality have been much improved. Even though we have not been back on site for very long, we can already measure the progress in learning and are delighted to have a busy, buzzing community again. One-way systems, bubbled areas, wearing masks and sanitising hands have become part of our daily routine and continues to keep us all safe. As an academy, we reflected on the one-year anniversary of the virus and lockdown by observing a minute's silence. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to self-test using the lateral flow devices sent home and inform us of any positive cases. A reminder about the new guidance has been sent to you from the local authority, please discuss with your child(ren).

News for Term 5

Enrichment opportunities will start next term; all will be within year group bubbles and we hope students will embrace the chance to engage in extracurricular activities again - [click here](#) for the timetable.

Years 8 and 9 have given indications of their preferences for future pathways and the process of allocating subjects and timetabling has begun. Final confirmation will not be until the end of Term 5, so it is important that students remain focused in all lessons.

Years 10 and 11 will be using the changing rooms for PE from next term and should arrive to school in full uniform each day. Years 7, 8 and 9 will continue to wear their WFA PE kit on their respective PE days.

Year 10 parents evening will be delayed until Term 6 after some formal assessments. More details will follow.

Years 11, 12 and 13 are currently building up portfolios of evidence towards their grades which will be awarded following internal and external moderation and quality assurance. There will be some formal assessments next term, the students can find details of this in the TEAMS year groups. It is important to remember that this is only one element of the evidence that will be used to award their grades, however, they should of course take them seriously and do their best.

Once again, let me thank you for your support and wish you all a safe and happy Easter. Let's hope for good weather so we can enjoy seeing family and friends in our gardens' again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "K. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kathryn Murphy
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