



Dear Parents and Carers

You will by now have heard the news that John Eddy has stepped away from his role as headteacher of The Taunton Academy, and that I will serve as Acting Head from the start of term. We will miss John greatly at the Academy, and I know many of you will be sad to see him go. I am determined to build on his legacy and lead the school into a purposeful and ambitious new academic year.

This is an exciting time for our school. Our exam results this summer showed strong improvement, our pupil numbers continue to grow and our staff team are enthusiastic and committed. We are likely to be inspected by Ofsted during the first term, and we are keen to demonstrate to them how far we have come over the last few years.

We want to start this year as we mean to go on. Two of our key priorities this year will be **AMBITION** and **BEHAVIOUR**. We would really appreciate your support to ensure that all students come back ready to make the most of this year.

AMBITION

We were delighted this summer when the results were so positive, and not just for the class of '22. Our improved results show us what we have always known – Taunton Academy students can excel academically. We want to work alongside parents and carers to encourage confidence, ambition and a good work ethic in our students. Our school provides everything students need to achieve the very best outcomes and go on to the very best next steps. We ask you to work with us to encourage excellent effort and attitude from students.

BEHAVIOUR

We expect every student to behave politely, kindly and calmly around the site. They must treat the buildings and grounds with respect, causing no damage and leaving no litter. Over the summer we have invested over £80,000 on redecorating and refurbishing large parts of the school. If we have evidence that a student has caused wilful damage anywhere on our site, we will seek the costs of repair from parents/carers.

Students must bring the correct equipment/kit and wear the correct uniform.

Uniform pointers

White socks are no longer permitted and should be plain black.

- Skirts are required to be knee length.
- Footwear is required to be plain black and polishable.
- Hoodies & black sweatshirts are not acceptable.

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- For PE, please avoid branded sportswear and stick to the permitted kit.

START OF TERM

We are looking forward to welcoming students back according to the following schedule.

Year Group	Day	Time
7	September 5 th	08.45 am
11	September 5 th	10.15 am
11	September 6 th	10.00 am
7, 8, 9, 10	September 6 th	08.50 am

Finally, I would like to thank you all in advance for your support for the school and your children. Building strong partnerships with all our families is at the heart of our continued improvement.



With warmest best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Webber'.

Lisa Webber
Acting Head Teacher