



August 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

As we draw toward the end of the summer holidays, I am writing to you with some reminders for the new Academic Year.

Firstly, well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students! They achieved some excellent results and we look forward to hearing about their progress in the next stages of their lives. As a school, we are delighted that the results again demonstrate improvements in student outcomes. As we approach the new Academic Year, these results serve a reminder of our purpose in working together to ensure that all students achieve their best whilst upholding our values of Respect, Pride and Belief.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students, as well as Year 12 students to the Sixth Form. Staff have been busy preparing lessons, organising classrooms and outside spaces for students' return in September. Alongside the new students, we also look forward to welcoming our new staff to the Academy.

Return to School

- 2nd & 3rd September – Staff training (no students in school).
- 4th September - Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 return only (arrive 8.30am). Year 7 and Year 12 students to enter via reception.
- 5th September - All students (arrive by 8.30am) and enter via Galley entrance.

A reminder that all students are expected to be in school by 8.30am ready for Line Up/Learning Period 1 which commences at 8.35am. Breakfast Club is available from 8am in the Galley and students, unless attending a club/activity, should not be onsite before then. Students should enter via the top pedestrian gate (next to the vehicle entrance). The school day finishes at 3.05pm. A reminder that parents dropping off and picking up students should do so using the school car park, adjacent to the school site. For the safety of both students and staff, the vehicle gate will not be open as students are arriving and leaving school.

All students should arrive to school ready to learn, in the correct uniform and with the necessary equipment for the day. Our uniform details can be found on our website at [Uniform, The Victory Academy](#). We request your support in ensuring that all students start the Academic Year wearing correct uniform. Students arriving to school wearing incorrect uniform will be asked to correct it on the day. Please can I also request your support in ensuring that students meet our general appearance expectations which can be found using the link above. I particularly draw your attention to our expectations regarding natural hair colour, that the only visible piercings should be a single stud in the lobe and that students should not be wearing false eyelashes or false/polished nails. Should you have any issues with ensuring your child has the correct uniform or in meeting our general expectations, please contact the Academy in advance of the start of the new term.



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Communication

At The Victory Academy, we value our partnership with parents/carers. We know that students benefit from a positive relationship between school and home. Therefore, please ensure you keep us informed of any phone number, email or address changes so we can keep in touch with you. Ideally, each child should have a minimum of three emergency contacts. Please confirm any changes via email and send to office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk

There will be times when parents/carers have questions and concerns they wish to raise with us and we want to ensure we work with you to resolve these as quickly and effectively as possible.

The most effective ways to contact the Academy are by:

- **Phone:** 0333 360 2140 (Please leave a voice message if your call cannot be answered. Staff will do their very best to return your call as soon as they can.)
- **Email:** office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk
- **MyEd** message

There are times in the day when the phone lines are busier (mornings and lunch times) so, at these times, you might find it easier to email instead. In the first instance, unless there is a member of staff you have already been working with, any questions or concerns will be passed to your child's Tutor, Head of Year or the relevant subject department. As a first step, they will make contact to confirm the nature of your question or concern and discuss any follow up that is needed. We are keen to meet with parents in person where questions and concerns remain. However, due to staff teaching and other commitments, staff cannot always be readily available to meet if parents/carers come directly to reception. If you would like to meet with a member of staff, it is best to contact the Academy in advance to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Useful Contacts

For the Academic Year ahead, the following contacts will be useful for you to be aware of:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Hope
- Attendance Improvement Manager (for any queries related to student absence) - Miss Reeve
- Student Services Manager (including support with creating and updating Medical Plans) - Mr Miller
- Head of Year 7 - Mrs Crane-Herbert
- Head of Year 8 - Mr McAllister
- Head of Year 9 – Miss Jordan & Mrs Berry
- Head of Year 10 - Miss Alatise
- Head of Year 11 - Mrs Bamidele
- Head of Year 12 & 13 - Mr Cass



ClassCharts & MyEd

If you haven't yet done so, please do take a moment to download the ClassCharts app. ClassCharts serves as a central hub for important information and insights into your child's education. With ClassCharts, you will have access to several features, including Positive and Negative Behaviour, Detentions, Attendance, Timetables and Reports. You can download the app via the App Store or Google Play. You can also access ClassCharts via any web browser.

MyEd is used to distribute communications to parents/carers either individually or as groups. All letters to parents will be distributed through MyEd. You can download the MyEd app via the App Store or Google Play.

If you have any questions or concerns about accessing either of these apps, please do not hesitate to contact us at office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk, and our staff will be happy to assist.

Social Media

If you don't already, please follow us on our social media pages (Facebook, X and Instagram) and keep an eye on our website. We post good news stories and communications frequently on these platforms.

I look forward to welcoming our students back to school and thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure students are happy and successful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of two large, overlapping loops followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr O Owen
Headteacher