



## Dear Parents / Carers Welcome to our Newsletter

Summer 2, July 2020

Welcome to our Summer 2 newsletter. What a year! I congratulate you on your efforts in ensuring education has continued during this Covid-19 period. You have supported our plans, kept routines, assisted lessons and most importantly helped keep everyone safe. Our relationship has never been as strong and I look forward to developing our partnership further next year.

I am delighted to welcome all students back in September, school will look and feel different and we are inviting you to a welcome meeting before the term begins to discuss and explain these changes to ensure everyone is safe. Sevenhills building will have an impressive new look and the staff team will return refreshed with some new faces, Rob KS3, Meredith KS4 English and Jack KS4 Science to further improve the quality of teaching.

I love my job working with young people in our Academies but I'm privileged to work with the most caring and talented professional staff team. The best I have seen since I began working in Alternative Provision back in 2007. Leaders want the best for all students, teachers are making learning exciting and relevant to all, support staff build amazing relationships and motivate young people to understand their feelings and emotions, clerical staff ensure the buildings are welcoming, resources are prepared, communication is good and the day is organised.

Through our trauma informed work this year we returned 39 students to school or specialist setting, reduced exclusions by 25%, cut our staff absence rates by 50% and 72% achieved their target grade or more in English and Maths. Impressive work from a dedicated and skilled team that go above and beyond to make a difference.

Have a great Summer break,

*Phil Hutchinson*

Executive Principal

### Governor View ...



On behalf of the Governors, I can only echo that the staff have gone beyond the extra mile to meet the numerous

varied challenges thrown at us as the year unfolded. Always with safety and your son/daughters best interests.

Many thanks for all of your effort have a good summer break. See you in September. John



## Message from Mark Wilson, Chief Executive, Wellspring Academy Trust

15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for working with us during these recent challenging months. I write in the sincere hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. That has been our primary concern throughout.

All schools are set to resume in September, with a full pupil complement. As I wrote in an earlier letter to you, some COVID related changes will be necessary. Your Headteacher will communicate the specific details separately.

We aim to return to as much normality as possible. Where there are challenges, please bear with us and understand that everyone's safety is the priority. We are planned for a range of scenarios and will keep you fully informed as we go. The general feeling appears to be that a second COVID spike is possible, when the traditional cold and flu season begins, November to February. We have taken this possibility into account.

In some aspects of our lives in general things appear to be moving back to normal, in some aspects they remain very different. We have taken risk-informed decisions that will help keep us all safe. I strongly encourage you to continue with those safety measures that give you and others confidence.

On behalf of the Trust, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very pleasant summer and look forward to seeing everybody back safe and well after the School Holidays.

Best Regards



Mark Wilson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wellspring Academy Trust

## Dates for your Diary

The Academies will **close** for Summer on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Our staff will be running **FREE** transition sessions available for year 11's over the Summer to help prepare them for college.

### September Arrangements

	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Park</b>	<b>Sevenhills</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	MOVING DAY
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	WELCOME MEET	WELCOME MEET	OPENING EVENT / WELCOME MEET
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	SCHOOL OPEN	WELCOME MEET	INSET DAY / WELCOME MEET
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	FULLY OPEN	FULLY OPEN	FULLY OPEN

### Term dates autumn term 2020/2021 (also available on our website)

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 2 September 2020	Staff training day
Monday 7 September 2020	Academy opens to all students
Friday 23 October 2020	Academy closes for half-term
Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020	Half term
Monday 2 November 2020	Students return
Friday 18 December 2020	Academy closes for Christmas
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Staff training day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Academy open to all students



TALK & LISTEN,  
BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,  
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,  
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence