



Newsletter

BEDFORD ACADEMY



Welcome to the first newsletter from Bedford Academy

In this first edition, it brings me great pleasure to introduce our senior team and to provide you with details about our new uniform, the Academy day and the start of term arrangements. The final few weeks of preparations are now upon us as we grow ever closer to our opening on the Mile Road site in September. We have already made several high quality teaching appointments with new teachers in English, Maths, Science, Music, Media, ICT and Humanities and we are now looking to further strengthen our student support team in the remaining few weeks.

Plans for refurbishment of the dining room, creating a new student reception, developing a new 6th form area and an all round smarten up of the existing buildings are well under way and will be completed over the summer holidays. Designs for our brand new buildings are at an exciting point and we are on course for starting the construction in January of next year. Careful planning will mean that we are able to stay as a fully functioning Academy until the state of the art buildings are completed in September 2012.

In September, we are looking forward to welcoming all our students and by far our biggest year group will be the new Year 9. With an enormous number of first choices, we are excited that Bedford Academy has been so positively received by parents and families in our catchment area.

I am proud to be leading Bedford Academy and I have very much enjoyed meeting our students, parents and community at every opportunity. I hope to meet many more of you in the next few months and I look forward to sharing our aspirations and determination to make a real difference for our students' future.

Claire Smith

Principal Designate

All Bedford Academy students will receive a new uniform free of charge. Collection of the new uniform will be on **Thursday 26th August 2010**. The time table for handout of uniform is below.



Year Group	Time
Year 9	(Surname A - G) 8am - 9am
Year 9	(Surname H - M) 12 Noon - 1pm
Year 9	(Surname N - Z) 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Year 10	(Surname A - H) 9am - 10am
Year 10	(Surname I - Z) 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Year 11	(Surname A - H) 11am - 12 Noon
Year 11	(Surname I - Z) 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Here's a reminder of what you will receive;

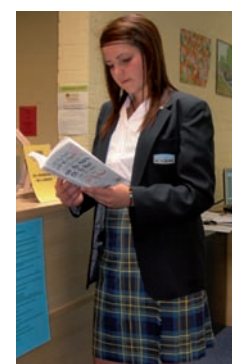
Boys - Blazer, Tie, Shirt (2 pack), Jumper, Trousers, PE Shirt, PE Polo top, PE Shorts, PE Socks and Bag.

Girls - Blazer, Blouse (2 pack), Jumper, Skirt (Trousers will be available to those who require them for religious reasons), Shirt, PE Shirt, PE Polo Top, PE Shorts, PE Socks and Bag.

What you will need to provide;

Plain black shoes (must not resemble trainers or be canvas type material), plain black socks, black tights, trainers for PE only.

New Uniform



Please arrive at your allocated time as waiting area is limited, if you arrive early you will not receive your uniform prior to your allocated time!

This is what will happen on your first day

Students in different year groups will have different times to report on the first day to make sure we can meet and greet you and show you where to go. We have a really exciting and informative programme planned for the first few days – which will include guided tours, an assembly, teaching you our rules, routines and expectations and some lessons.

This is what will happen in your first day:

Welcome To Your Learning Village

Each year group will have its own 'mini school' in the form of a 'Learning Village' which is the location for your tutor room where your tutor sessions will take place.

Assembly

On the first day there will be an assembly when students will hear about the expectations of the Principal, meet the senior team, all their key teachers and the Head of their Learning Village.

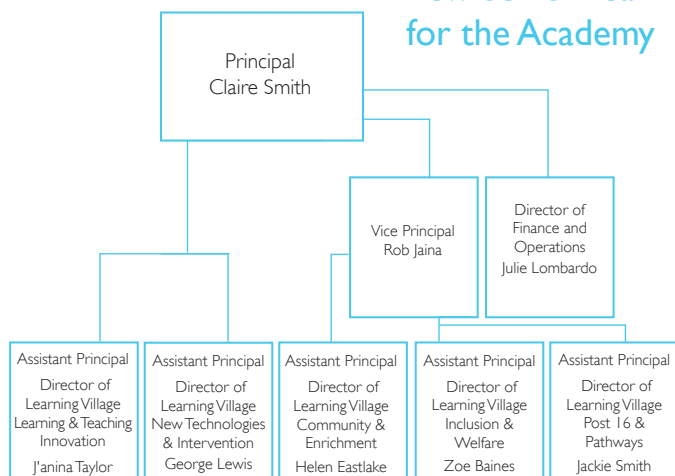
The Academy Building

All new students will enjoy a guided tour of the Academy building and everyone will receive a map showing exactly where everything is. This will be important as even though the Academy is opening in the John Bunyan School building there will be some significant movement of teaching spaces to accommodate the learning villages. There will also be some exciting developments in the existing building including a refurbished dining room for students.

New Build Update

Bedford Academy will move into a new building on the current John Bunyan site in September 2012. At present the Academy team are working with two design teams, Wilmott Dixon and BAM until September, when the preferred company will be selected to build the Academy. After September the preferred builder will then be engaging with students, staff and the local community about the new build.

New Senior Team for the Academy



Timetable

The timetable will also be handed out along with a planner, which is a great source of information for parents. The Academy will operate an extended day, the Academy timetable is below. Lessons will be of a longer length of time to facilitate a better learning experience. There will also be enrichment sessions that will offer students a range of activities, these will be optional but Academy students will be expected to attend at least one enrichment session per week.

Time	Activity
7.30 am	Optional individual study & breakfast
8.30 am - 10.30 am	Period 1
10.30 am - 11.05 am	Tutor time/break
11.05 am - 1.35 pm	Period 2 and Staggered Lunch
1.35 pm - 3.35 pm	Period 3
3.35 pm - 5.35 pm	Enrichment

Students in **all** year groups are **not** allowed off the premises at break or lunch. We want the school to be a safe environment so once students arrive in the morning and lessons begin the site will be secured.

Start Time

For those students going into years 9 and 12 your first day at the Academy will be September 3rd 2010 – Year 9 at 8.30am and Year 12 at 9.30am

For those students going into years 10, 11 and 13 your first day at the Academy will be on 6th September 2010. Year 11 start at 8.30am, Year 10 at 9.00am and Year 13 at 9.30am

Normal lessons for all will start at lesson 2 on September 6th 2010.

Dates for your Diary

Parents meetings all at 6.30pm Bunyan Centre

Year 12 and 13 Parents – 5th July
New Year 9 Parents – 12th July (will be an additional session at 7.30pm)
Year 10 and 11 Parents – 13th July

Year 12 and 13 Induction all at school 8.30am – 3.00pm

Day 1 – 30th June 2010
Day 2 – 5th July 2010

Uniform Collection Day 26th August (see timetable for your collection time)

First days of school

Years 9 and 12 – 3rd September
Years 10, 11 and 13 – 6th September