



July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I write to you at the end of another packed term where we have managed to prioritise learning and ensure the young people who attend our academy have been able to progress; I must applaud and thank them for their positivity and also thank you at home for your continued support.

The Academy closes for the summer holidays at 3.10 pm on Thursday 20 July 2023.

School re-opens in September on a staggered basis:

- **Tuesday 5 September, 08:40 am for students in Year 7 and 13**
- **Wednesday 6 September, 08:40 am All students return**

Please take time over the summer to familiarise yourself with the uniform and behaviour policy update. Whilst the changes are slight, it is important you understand them and can support us when we need to enforce a sanction. Links to these policies can be found below.

## **Behaviour and Rewards Policy**

[Click here](#) to see the policy

From September, all communication we be done through the ClassCharts App, so it is essential you and your child have access to this. If you require your log on details, please get in touch with us and we will arrange for these to be sent out to you. If you do not have access to a smart device, please let us know and we will ensure that you receive a letter or phone call with the important communications. A test communication will be sent out in the new academic year.

## **Attendance**

Attendance at school is imperative if pupils are to succeed fully. Whilst I appreciate some of us are still recovering from the disruption of Covid-19, I must impress the importance of attendance from day 1 in September. Tracking of attendance will be more rigorous, and we will be in touch to offer support to families whose children are persistently absent much more quickly. Thank you to those pupils who come to school every day.

[Click here](#) to see policy

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There are lots of things that go on at school and we do our best to keep you updated via Twitter and Facebook so if you don't follow us yet, please make sure you do. We enjoyed our End of Term Celebration event on Wednesday 19 July. Students who have excelled this year were selected to participate in the whole-academy reward and a fantastic night was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We look forward to sharing an updated rewards policy with you in the new year which will maximise the celebration of successes that take place on a daily basis within the academy.

As we plan for September, we are looking at different ways we can keep you updated on your child's progress. We have included a short survey about Parents' Evenings which we would appreciate your feedback on – I am aware you receive several surveys and questionnaires from the school and whilst we try not to bombard you with these, your opinion is vital and I do appreciate the time you take to complete them. [Click here](#) to access the form.

### **Term Dates**

[Click here](#) to see the term dates for 2023-2024.

Sadly, we are seeing a rise in aggressive behaviour, intimidation and abusive language being used towards staff at the academy. Whilst I appreciate parents and carers may want to speak with staff to clarify situations that have occurred during the day, no staff member comes to work to be abused. We will continue to address these concerns with the parents and the appropriate action will be taken where necessary.

As previously communicated, we are welcoming our new Principal Mr Gissendorf to the academy in September. He is excited to get started and looks forward to meeting and working with all our families in the new academic year. We are also saying goodbye to several staff who leave us to move to pastures new. A specific 'thank you' goes to Mr Pearce who has supported both me and the academy over the last seven months, his support has been invaluable.

Finally, I wanted to say a personal thank you to every one of you for the support you continue to give the Skegness Academy. This is a truly great school and I look forward to being part of the changes in the new academic year.

I wish you and your family have a restful summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr Todd Johnson  
**Senior Executive Principal**

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