



Olive AP Academy  
THURROCK

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Executive Headteacher - Collette Hunnisett

15 December 2022

Dear parent/carer

As 2022 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last term.

I am pleased to announce that we will be welcoming a new Head of Academy to OA-Thurrock, Mr David Stevens. David has a wealth of experience and will be joining us from Harris Academy Riverside, where he has been a Vice Principal for over 2 years. David will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the academy and he is very much looking forward to meeting our students and parents/carers.

I will remain as the Executive Headteacher for OA-Thurrock and OA-Havering and will be supporting David as he settles in to his new role. I will also be working on other new exciting projects with the local area and look forward to sharing more news as plans develop.

#### **End of Autumn term – Wednesday 20 December 2022**

Please be informed that students will be finishing at 12.30pm on Tuesday 20 December. All students will be given the opportunity to have lunch and taxi arrangements for those concerned will be amended as necessary.

#### **Start of Spring term 2022**

The academy re-opens for students on Monday 9 January 2023.

As we move into the new term, we have high expectation as to what our young people will achieve. This starts with excellent school attendance, which can result in early entry to many qualification, regular rewards trips, outdoor learning activities and many more opportunities.

On Monday 9 January, we would like to start this day with a parental/student meeting and ask that you attend school with your son/daughter on this day at 11.00am.

There will be an opportunity to meet with Mr Stevens and all other staff of the academy. You will be attending a meeting with your son/daughter's coach to get timetables for the term and other information, then join us for an afternoon tea.

Our normal academy day will resume on Tuesday 10 January. Students transport will resume in the way it has been this term with some young people making their own way to and from school using public transport and a small minority who remain in taxis.

A number of year 10 and 11 students will also be sitting their English Level 1 and Level 2 exams on Tuesday 10 January and a letter with further details will be sent for the respective pupils imminently. These students will also be required to attend English revision lessons on Monday 9 January from 1pm to 2pm, details of which will also be included in the letter.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at 11.00am on 9 January 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hunnisett". The first letter 'H' is large and stylized, with a circular flourish around it.

Collette Hunnisett  
Executive Headteacher