

Start of Term Letter Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your child are well at the start of the Autumn Term. It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back to school today and we look forward to working with them at the beginning of another academic year.

Due to our sustained success and having now been an oversubscribed school for a long period of time, we have expanded our staffing for 2023/24 in order to meet need for our increased PAN of 70 students. This is in addition to our settled existing staff body from which no staff have departed since 2021. We would like to give a warm welcome to Rebecca Inman (Teacher of English), Karen O'Donovan (Teacher of Science), Jane Olly (Teacher of Humanities), Jack O'Hagan (Teacher of PE and Well-Being), Samantha Pearson (Careers Co-Ordinator), Toni Baker (Cook), Rachael McGurin (Teaching Assistant) and Sharon McKenna (Pastoral Officer). Marishia Sutherland (Teaching Assistant) and Joey Harvey (Pastoral Officer) also continue to work with us this term.

We would like to make you are aware too of a number of existing staff who start new roles with us this term. Helen McClane and Calum Hill are now Assistant Principals, Katie Stone is now our Literacy Co-Ordinator and Lana Walker is now a Teacher of Maths.

The combination of all of these new appointments mean that we have significantly broadened our academic curriculum at the start of 2023/24. In addition to all of the academic subjects we offered previously, we now offer the following four new courses at Key Stage 4: Religious Education, Health and Social Care, Sport, Exercise and Fitness and Public Services.

As usual, don't forget that you can get your diary organised for the year ahead by checking the "term dates" section of our website at: <https://www.theedgeacademy.co.uk/calendar-2020-21/> . Further to us already having shared this with you a number of times, don't forget that Autumn Half-Term 1 ends on Friday 27th October and that Autumn Half-Term 2 begins on Monday November 13th. The 2023/24 year ends on Friday 26th July 2024. I would also like to give you a reminder that school is closed for an INSET Day on Monday September 25th.

Remember too that if you are a parent/carer whose child has only recently joined the school, you can view all of our key policies on our website at: <https://www.theedgeacademy.co.uk/policies/> . These include our GDPR policies and Privacy Notices which were updated at the end of last academic year.

Finally, I would like to be open and transparent with you all and share the news that I will be departing at the end of the Autumn Term in December for a promotion to the role of Assistant Director of Education with The Yes Trust, a national Multi-Academy Trust. I will be extremely sad to leave The Edge after what will be 7 years working at the school but am proud to leave the school in a strong and stable position moving forward; the vacancy this creates will be advertised quickly and we will communicate next steps

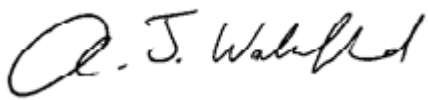
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around this issue as soon as possible. I will write to all of you again in December with more detailed reflection on the fantastic memories I will walk away with from my time at the school.

If there are any other questions I can help and support with in any way, please feel free to contact me directly at andrew.wakefield@theedgeacademy.co.uk. I look forward to working with you and your child in the weeks and months ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Wakefield

Principal

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