

# ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

5 August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you have enjoyed the summer so far, after a very challenging year.

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year and continuing to work in partnership with you to ensure that your son / daughter makes excellent progress next year and into the future. As you know their education, safety, health and well-being are very important to us at all times.

We are waiting for updated guidance from the Department of Education regarding how the structure of the new school day. I will let you know via the Parent App if there are any changes.

In advance of the new school year there are a couple of things below that I would like to draw your attention to:

### Uniform

We take great pride in our smart school uniform and encourage students to maintain the highest standards at all times. In keeping with our uniform policy please be reminded that all students are expected to wear plain black leather shoes to school, as outlined in the Parent/Student Information Booklet which is on the website. <u>NO</u> black trainers, trainer style or canvas shoes are permitted.

### School Fund

In order to enable us to support a variety of extra activities, resources and experiences for students we respectfully request an annual voluntary School Fund contribution of £12 for the first child or £20 for 2 children or £25 for families with 3 or more children in the school. This payment would be gratefully received at the office when you come for your Parental Interview.

### **SIMS** Parent App

We use the SIMS Parent App to keep you up-to-date with your child's progress, attendance, timetables, announcements, reports. It will also enable you to use the cashless system that will be introduced for some activities this year. It is essential that that you register for the App, please make sure that an up to date email address is registered at the school office.

Please see below, the start of term arrangements for your child.

We look forward to seeing our students again, ready for another successful year.

With kind regards

Mozia Q

Maria Quinn Principal

Principal: Mrs M Quinn BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PQH Bridge Road, Newtownabbey BT37 0EA | Telephone: (028) 9086 7431 | Fax: (028) 9085 4945 E-Mail: info@abbeycommunitycollege.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk | Website: www.abbeycommunitycollege.co.uk



## ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE <u>Start of Term Schedule</u>

THURSDAY 26 AUGUST	Year 8 Induction 9.30 – 12.30 (school uniform) Years 9-11 Parental Interviews 9.30 – 1.00pm (school uniform) PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT 90 867431
FRIDAY 27 AUGUST	Year 8 Testing (8AMC, 8CCC, 8LKC, 8XN) 9.15 – 1PM (school uniform) Year 8 Parental Interviews (8JPM, 8SLM, 8CWM) 9.15 – 3PM (school uniform) Years 10-12 Parental Interviews 9.30 – 1.00PM (school uniform) PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT 90 867431
MONDAY 30 AUGUST	BANK HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 31 AUGUST	Year 8 Testing (8JPM, 8SLM, 8CWM) 9.15 – 1PM (school uniform) Year 8 Parental Interviews (8AMC, 8CCC, 8LKC, 8XN) 9.15 – 3PM (school uniform) Year 13 Induction 9.15 – 11.30 (school uniform)
WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER	Year 8 – DO NOT ATTEND Years 9 and 11 Induction 9.30 – 11.30 (school uniform)
THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	Whole school returns 9.00 – 2.35PM