

gilesacademy

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Dear Students,

I wanted to take the time to write to you today, as I have sent out some detailed information to your parents / carers about returning to school in September and what this will look like for all our young people at Giles Academy. These details are nothing to worry about, but we wanted to make our plans clear ... albeit subject to change as guided by the Government, but I will update you all about this as things happen.

Some of you will be desperate and excited to come back to school, which is really great. However, for others you may feel nervous and slightly anxious about returning, especially after having the last few months when you have been working from home and I feel that it is important for you all to know that we do not want anyone to worry at all about coming back in September. We are well planned and all still here, working hard to make sure that you have the best experience of school life when you return.

I can reassure you all that the school hasn't changed and that all your teachers, tutors and Heads of Year are really looking forward to seeing you all again.

I am particularly excited about having all our students back on the school site and have 'survived lockdown' by being in school every day listening to Dr Chrysostomou's singing ... so September can't come soon enough!

We are planning your start of the academic year very carefully, with a reduced number of students in school for the first few days and you will of course continue to all be very well supported at Giles Academy by everyone around you.

I feel so very sorry for you all that your final two terms at Giles Academy have been so disrupted. You will have missed out on certain things at the end of Term 6 that you were looking forward to, and so we will make next year the absolute best it can be for all of you!

As students, you have always told me that you feel Giles Academy has a very 'family' feel and this won't have changed, we are all still here, even with our 'lockdown haircuts' waiting and looking forward to you returning.

Many of you may be worried about being behind with your work, but you will all be fine ... we have a great plan to help everyone catch up, whilst allowing those students who have been working very hard during lockdown to be able to continue to work at a fast pace.

I want you to know that if you have any worries at all, no matter how big or small, there will always be someone to talk to and, as I have already said, we will make sure that you are very well supported.

I am proud of you all and have missed you all! ... You have all been great during this 'lockdown' period and I would like you all to enjoy a great summer. You have worked hard and I am very excited about seeing you all again so that you can continue to enjoy your time at Giles Academy.

Kindest regards,



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