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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2018-19 academic year at St Edward's Church of England Academy.

After a very successful 2017-18 in terms of our results, we are looking forward this new year to supporting your child's progress and development so they become the very best they can be and experience life in all its fullness. As we continue on our journey of improvement, there are a range of new projects, initiatives and staff at the Academy.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the new members of staff that have joined the Academy community and outline their areas of responsibility:

- Dr J. Toal has taken up the post of Vice Principal with responsibility for Teaching and Learning. Dr Toal has held a variety of senior roles in schools and will be delivering Religious Education lessons.
- Mr S. Tunstall is our new Faculty Leader for Maths.
- Mr D. Cooper has taken up the role of Maths and Science teacher.
- Mr P. Jones has taken up the role of English teacher.
- Mr T. Ellis has taken up the role of English teacher until Mrs Eardley returns from her maternity leave at Christmas.
- Mrs L. Harrop has joined the Academy as a Religious Education teacher.
- Mrs V. Henshaw has taken up the role of Creative Studies teacher until Mrs Johnson returns from maternity leave.

The Academy has also recruited some new members of staff to our administration support staff:

- Mrs Bailey and Mrs Naylor have taken up roles as Office Administrators.
- Mrs Lowe has taken up a role in the Finance Office supporting the Academy with HR and Finance.

Regarding other matters, keeping every member of our community safe is our first priority and paramount to our practice. For this reason, we have added an intercom to our front door for all visitors. This is located to the right hand side of the main entrance. Additionally, vehicular access to the Academy via the front entrance for parents and guardians will no longer be permitted at any point during the Academy day unless they possess a blue disability badge or entrance is required in an emergency. If visiting the Academy, please park on Westwood Road.

Over the summer, we have had our kitchen completely refurbished and refitted. Pupils will be able to enjoy a full hot service from Thursday onwards, with cashless catering systems being implemented after October half term. Further information will follow in the coming weeks regarding this matter.

Our school day still consists of six 50 minute lessons, but to further improve our collective worship and reflection time, our PM Tutor time and collective worship time has been moved to the end of the day.

In terms of further improving the culture of reading in the Academy, the Accelerated Reader system is being utilised this year across the entire school. This will involve pupils reading for at least 10 minutes in school every day and

20 minutes at home. Pupils will then complete quizzes and challenges linked to the books they are reading. Further information will be provided for parents as this scheme is implemented.

Pupil targets will be generated in line with the Academy's new 9-1 assessment system. Information sessions will be arranged for parents on both the assessment and target setting later in September and early October; this information will also be shared on our website.

The extra-curricular and sporting timetable for this term is currently being finalised and will be placed on our website by 14th September. During the week commencing 10th September, a 'Fresher's Fayre' style event will be held where pupils will have the opportunity to meet their peers and staff who run and participate in these groups. It will be an ideal opportunity for them to sign up to those groups they wish to join.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut free Academy.

Many thanks for your continued support for the Academy.

God bless,



Mr T Hutchinson
Principal

