



Dear Parent/Carer

I have now received notification that we have taken ownership of our brand-new home at The Hub, Sheldrick Way. This is extremely exciting and timely as the recent rain has resulted in a few more leaks! I am now in a position to confirm plans for the remainder of this term and academic year. I'm sure you can imagine the process of moving and setting up a new school is significant and involves a large number of external agencies and contractors as the new school is part of a wider community building, The Hub, which requires joint services and systems.

Whilst staff have been packing most of the resources and equipment around their normal working day, things such as the kitchen, furniture and IT are still required whilst students are in the academy. Therefore, Friday 28th May is a non-student day to allow for the final packing to take place. The decant team will not allow staff onsite whilst they are carrying out the move which they estimate will take 6-10 days. From Monday 7th – Friday 11th June students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 will work remotely. Work for the period of remote learning will be set by each subject using our online platforms such as Hegarty maths, Seneca and Bedrock. Details for logging on to all of these are on our website should students need assistance. All students in Years 7-10 will also bring home paper-based work focused on consolidation work for this year to complete in addition to the online work so they have a combination of online and paper-based work to suit all needs and to cover all eventualities. Students should hand this work in to their tutor on their first day in the new building. Year 12 teachers will set work with their classes directly.

From Monday 14th June Year 11 students will be provided with transition work for Sixth Form subjects and they will be able to access this directly from the MCA website. They can select the subjects that they plan to study or are interested in. Staff will also be available to assist with any careers advice or support Year 11 or 13 students may require. Year 11 and Year 13 are not expected to return to the academy after half term, Thursday 27th May is their last day in school.

From Thursday 27th May to Monday 14th June, we will not have guaranteed IT access as it will be dismantled and then set up with a transfer of server and other installation requirements. We will aim to monitor the help@mca.attrust.org.uk email during this time but there may be periods where it is not accessible. The telephones will not be active during this time as well. Please use the **help email** if you need to contact us during this time and we will do our best to get back to you as quickly as we can.

To ensure a safe and organised return to a building unfamiliar to everyone **Years 8, 10 and 12 will return on Monday 14th June and Years 7 & 9 on Tuesday 15th June.** Students should arrive for 8.45am on the designated return date with buses already set for the new drop off/pick up point at The Hub. You can access transport times via the Suffolk school transport webpage. Staff will be on hand to guide students into the new building. On their first morning students will receive a full induction including orientation of the building, fire evacuation, key areas and break and lunchtime arrangements. Everyone will need to learn everything for the first time and as you can imagine this is quite an ask!

Finally, I would like to thank all staff at MCA for work they continue to do to ensure our educational provision remains strong whilst managing the academy assessed grades process for Year 11 and 13 and packing up the academy with the backdrop of a pandemic! I would also like to thank you for your continued support and I very much hope that we get to see you in our new home very soon.

Best wishes

Miss N Hood