



**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We have reached the end of Spring Term 2 and the start of the Easter holidays. Our Outdoor Learning curriculum has continued to grow from strength to strength and students continue to work incredibly hard in all lessons which we know will support them on their journey towards future success.

We have hosted two parental coffee mornings this term with outside guest speakers including a CAMHS mental health nurse and the WizeUp drug and alcohol service. The parent/carers that attended gave overwhelmingly positive feedback and we would actively encourage many more parent/carers to attend in the future, even if it is just for the cake!

For our Year 11 students this means the start date for their GCSEs is only a matter of weeks away. Revision sessions will be running during the second week of the Easter holidays, you will have received documentation regarding this and other helpful information relating to the exams this summer.

### **Globe Theatre Trip/Workshop**

Over the course of this term we have been working with The Globe Theatre Company who have visited the school to complete workshops for students and staff. This culminated in a visit to the wonderful Globe Theatre in London on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March where students and staff across our Havering and Thurrock academies together watched a performance of The Tempest. All students were a credit to Olive Academies.

### **Key dates**

Summer term 1 begins – **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. 8.45am**

Bank holidays **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May & Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** (Kings coronation) – The academy will be closed on these days.

Half term – **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Summer term 2 begins – **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. 8.45am**

### **OAH social media**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our social media accounts provide regular updates and useful information. These can be found @OAHavering on Twitter and Facebook. Also, if you keep an eye on the latest news and letters section of our website <https://aphavering.oliveacademies.org.uk/news-and-letters> you will also be updated on the latest developments in the academy.

### **Vapes**

Olive Academy Havering like many other local schools, has seen a recent spike in incidents involving students vaping. We would like to remind you and your child that nicotine substances are banned on school site, any breaches being met with the schools behaviour policy. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that these nicotine fuelled items are not brought into school.

The coming half term will be particularly busy for students preparing for examinations. Please actively encourage your children to complete additional work and revision at home. Have a restful Easter Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gary Haines  
Head of Academy