



**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We have reached the half-way point of the school year with our spring half term holiday coming up next week. For our Year 11 students this means the start date for their GCSEs can now be counted in weeks and the need to keep focused and working hard is never more important. After half term Year 11 will be undertaking further practice examinations in their core subjects.

### **Vapes**

We recently wrote to you regarding the recent surge in students vaping and trying to bring them in to school. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that these nicotine fuelled items are not brought into school.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

We strongly believe in encouraging our students to join in extra-curricular activities as part of their school experience. At Olive Academies there are opportunities for students to take part in a range of activities during the day as well as before and after school. I am always grateful to our staff for their willingness to organise and lead these activities throughout the year, often out of school hours. Just in the past few weeks we have had students taking part in an AP sports competition, music production, a visit to the ice-skating rink in Romford, after school revision sessions and many more. Our lunchtime and after school activities continue to grow, please encourage your child to participate.

### **Safer Internet Day**

The 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 marked Safer Internet Day. The 2022 theme has been " *All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.* ' Students in Olive Academy Havering have worked on issues ranging from cyberbullying to critical thinking and fact checking. All year groups have also watched videos during tutor time to highlight online safety as well as receive assemblies through our Reflect, restore and acknowledgement daily sessions. Please visit our website for parental advice to ensure that your children are using technology safely.

### **OA-Hv social media**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Olive AP Academy Havering social media accounts provide regular updates and useful information. These can be found @OAHaving on Twitter and Facebook. Also, if you keep an eye on the latest news and letters section of our website [Olive Academies | News and letters](#), you will also be updated on the latest developments in the academy.

The coming half term will be particularly busy for students preparing for examinations and before we know it students will be off again for Easter. Please actively encourage your children to complete additional work and revision at home. Have a wonderful half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gary Haines

Head of Academy