

**Date:** 19 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

### **Academic year 2023-24**

I hope this letter finds you safe and well as we approach the end of the summer term 2023 and prepare for the well-earned summer holidays. This year has had some real landmarks for Olive Academy Havering. We were delighted to have received a 'Good' Ofsted Judgement! We have welcomed many visitors, guest presenters, and we have recently enjoyed a full week of enrichment activities – during which our students have magnificently demonstrated their inner qualities of resilience, respect and consideration for others, whilst remaining firmly grounded in the values of the school, Ambition, Conviction, Determination and Reflection. Through this enrichment, our extensive outdoor learning programme, and our broad and balanced curriculum, it has been truly humbling to witness the growth of our students.

### **Exams**

Results day this year will be **Thursday 24th August 2023**. All students expecting GCSE results are to arrive at school between 9am-11am. There will be staff available on results day to offer our students any support they need. It is fair to say that this is probably the most exciting day of the year for staff, to be privileged to share the joy of success our students feel when they receive their results.

### **Changes**

As announced in my previous letter to you, I will be leaving Olive Academy Havering to take up a Headship position in a London mainstream school from September. The last four and a half years have been absolutely fantastic, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of supporting your children to be the best they can be. I have taken great pride in getting students back into mainstream education or supporting them towards a range of qualifications leading to employment, education, or further training when they leave us.

In addition, the Deputy Headteacher, Mr Reilly will also be departing Olive Academy Havering to return to our Olive Academy Thurrock site. I would like to personally thank Mr Reilly for his unwavering commitment and support to ensure every child has the opportunity to be successful. I know both parents and students will miss Mr Reilly, however, he remains an integral part of the Olive family and I am sure students will continue to see him from time to time.

With change comes opportunity and I am delighted to say that Olive Academy Havering has recruited a fantastic senior team to build further on the work completed during my tenure. Mr Law will be moving from Assistant Headteacher to a more senior Deputy Headteacher role in September. In addition, Mrs Kaur who currently works in Olive Academy Havering 1 day a week, will be moving from our Olive Academy Thurrock to take up a Deputy Headteacher position on a full-time basis and will continue to drive the curriculum, and ensure that teaching and learning remains a key strategic priority in the next academic year. Mrs Fenton-Hawes has also been promoted as the Associate Senior lead

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and will continue to promote Wellbeing and the Outdoor Learning curriculum across the academy. This team will be led by the new Head of Academy Mr Machin, he has a wealth of experience in Alternative Provision and mainstream education, he comes to us after being head of Olive Academy Cambridge for the last five years. Under the ongoing stewardship of the Executive Headteacher Miss Hunnisett, I leave the school confident that the new senior team will see the school to continue to go from strength to strength.

### Safeguarding newsletter

We are delighted to be sending you a new Summer Safeguarding Newsletter. As with all our work, should you need any advice, guidance, or support, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do all we can to help. Contact details can be found in the newsletter alongside signposting for summer activities and clubs that your child can get involved in.

### Key dates

We will be closing for the summer holidays on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12:40pm** where students will receive a Grab & Go lunch. School will re-open on **Wednesday 6th September 2023** for students and parents to meet with staff in a parent consultation day. Details for this will be sent separately from this letter.

Once again thank you all for your support in the last few years. Best wishes, stay safe & enjoy your summer break. We look forward to celebrating results day and seeing you all again in on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gary Haines  
Head of Academy