



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you have all enjoyed a great break and would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. The purpose of this letter is to update you on some of the main arrangements for the coming half term.

## Return to School

Learners return to school tomorrow (Wednesday 4th January 2023) at 8.35am.

Learners will have an extended tutor period between 8.40am and 9.00am. This is to share any important messages with learners before we start formal lessons.

Just a reminder that learners should arrive on site at 8.35am and be ready to attend tutor time at 8.40am. It is important that all learners are present for tutor time so they don't miss any important messages for the day.

## Key Spring Term Dates

Please find below the key dates for the first half of the Spring Term. Further information will follow for each of these events. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school via the [admin@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@uptonhigh.co.uk) email address.

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Parents - Helping Learners with Preparation for Exams
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Parent's Evening
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 11 Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	School Production of Little Shop of Horrors
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 13 Parent's Evening

## Contacting the School

Last term we said goodbye to Mr Quirk, Head of Year 9. His replacement Miss R Simpson has worked with Mr Quirk and is looking forward to continuing to guide the year group through Year 9.

Home school communication is important to us at Upton-by-Chester High School. For most communication, you would contact the form tutor in the first instance.

In each year group we have a team of staff made up of a Head of Year and a Pastoral Support Manager. They can be contacted via email or through the schools. Their details are show below

Year Group	Head of Year	Pastoral Support Manager	Email Contact
7	Mr S Togher	Mrs S Maxwell	<a href="mailto:Year7@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year7@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
8	Mr S Wearden	Miss J Hewitt	<a href="mailto:Year8@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year8@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
9	Miss R Simpson	Miss C Carter	<a href="mailto:Year9@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year9@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
10	Mr M Jones	Mrs D Bowen	<a href="mailto:Year10@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year10@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
11	Mrs J Dey	Mrs A Spooner-Wynne	<a href="mailto:Year11@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year11@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
12	Mr P Lewis	Mrs T Stickels	<a href="mailto:Year12@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year12@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
13	Mr P Lewis	Mrs T Stickels	<a href="mailto:Year13@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year13@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>



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This term we welcome Mrs K McCarthy to the school. She is the new Deputy Headteacher and will oversee the Pastoral Systems in the school. Mr Arnall and Mrs Hitchen remain in the school and will share the other Deputy Headteacher role in the school until summer 2023 when they will be retiring from the school. The governors and I will be recruiting a replacement during this term.

### **School Rebuilding Programme**

As you will be aware from my earlier communications the school was selected for partial rebuilding. This was originally to replace one main blocks in the school – B Block. Following extensive work with the Department for Education it is clear that a larger proportion of the school will be replaced. This provides a great opportunity for us to ensure that all aspects of the school site are significantly improved. I am expecting the initial planning phase of the work to be completed by the end of this half term and I will keep you informed of progress.

This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure that we can provide the very best facilities for all the learners in Upton-by-Chester High School both now and in the future.

I look forward to a busy and highly productive term.

Yours faithfully,

L Cummins  
Headteacher

