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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are keeping safe and well during the summer break. My staff and I are really excited about welcoming all students back to school in September and continuing with the school vision of improving the life chances of all students.

Below are a few updates, reminders of key dates and pieces of information that will be useful for the school community.

GCSE Results Day

Details regarding the GCSE Exams Results day, which takes place tomorrow (Thursday 20th August) was shared at the beginning of the Summer holidays. Please click on the link to view the original letter:

<http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/exams/>

September Opening

We also shared important information about our September Re-Opening plans. Please click on the link to read this information: <http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/covid-19-news-and-updates/>

The government has released some updated guidance for parents who are concerned about schools re-opening in the Autumn term. If you would like to read this document, please follow the link. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

In addition, please look out for more information about how schools are planning safe opening. The government have launched their [#backtoschoolsafely](https://www.gov.uk/government/campaigns/backtoschoolsafely) campaign to reassure parents and students that schools and colleges are ready for their return in September.

This is part of the Government's wider Stay Alert campaign. You will see newspaper and billboard advertising from today, with radio and digital adverts from Monday 24 August, which will run until early September, alongside wider engagement with the teaching profession and local communities.

I would like to reassure parents that the staff at CoDA have put in place every measure possible to ensure the school community is safe when we re-open.

Parents are encouraged to visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school.

From September attendance at school is mandatory. If families are going on holiday to a country that is on the government quarantine list which means their child will miss the start of the year; remote learning will **not** be available, as teachers will be teaching their normal time table. However, there will be schemes of learning and web links available on the school website for families to access.

Yours sincerely

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