



**THE BULWELL
ACADEMY**
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20th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and have had the opportunity to rest and spend time with family and friends. As we prepare to begin another exciting academic year at The Bulwell Academy, I wanted to share some important information and extend a very warm welcome back to our school community.

History making GCSE Results!

May I firstly take a moment to reflect on the historic GCSE outcomes achieved by our year 11 pupils this year. They have broken all previous records and secured the highest GCSE results in the school's history, marking a truly significant milestone in our journey. This year, 57% of students achieved grade 4+ in both English and maths, with 36% achieving grade 5+ in both subjects.

These exceptional outcomes are a testament to the dedication, resilience, and ambition of our pupils, as well as the unwavering commitment and expertise of our staff. They also reflect the rapid and sustained improvements taking place across the school, demonstrating what can be achieved when high expectations are matched by hard work and a shared belief that our pupils 'can and will' achieve.

Welcoming New Members of Staff

This year we have further strengthened our staff team, having recruited into the following posts:

Mr Molnar	Teacher of Science
Mrs Djilali	Teacher of Art & Design Technology
Mr Laing	Teacher of Science
Mr Beg	Teacher of Humanities
Miss Lee	Teacher of English
Mr Glavanis	Curriculum Lead - History
Ms Gibson	Teacher of Maths
Mr Rouse	Teacher of Humanities
Ms Rees-Frater	Cover Supervisor
Mr Park	Assistant Director of Achievement
Mrs Cassidy	Admissions Officer



These new members of staff have been attracted to the school due to the rapid improvement and the school's therapeutic approach to supporting children.

Start of Term Arrangements

Please note the following arrangements for the start of the new academic year:

- **Tuesday 1 September:** School closed to students for Staff INSET Day
- **Wednesday 2 September:** School closed to students for Staff INSET Day
- **Thursday 3 September:** School open to **Year 7 and Year 11 students only**
- **Friday 4 September:** School open to **all year groups**

A reminder of the school day:

School gates **open at 8.00** with all students able to access a free school breakfast and additional social time with friends. The courts are also open. **Students must arrive by 8.20.**

The school day **finishes at 14.50**. More information will follow with regards to this year's afterschool Bulwell Boost sessions and when these will start.

We are particularly delighted to welcome our new **Year 7 cohort** as they begin their journey with us. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are committed to ensuring every child feels valued, supported and excited about the opportunities ahead. On their first day, our new Year 7 students will be welcomed with a special **Guard of Honour**, creating a memorable start to their time at The Bulwell Academy. The event will be video recorded for use on the school's social media therefore if you do not want your child to be recorded then please alert school staff at the gate or email enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk.

Pastoral Teams

Below are the pastoral teams supporting each year group for the academic year 2026/2027:

Year Group	Director of Achievement	Assistant Director of Achievement
Year 7	Mrs Bexton	Miss Taylor-Jones
Year 8	Ms Kang	Mr Park
Year 9	Miss Mackay	Miss Deacon
Year 10	Miss O'Sullivan	Miss Shergill
Year 11	Mr Fowler	Mr Pitter



Uniform Expectations

As we return to school, I would like to remind all families that students are expected to attend in **full school uniform** from their first day back. Uniform standards throughout last year were exceptionally strong, and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in helping us maintain these high expectations.

To ensure students are ready for the new academic year, please check that school shirts still fit appropriately and are large enough to allow the **top button to be comfortably fastened**. Students are expected to always wear their ties correctly.

Please also ensure that your child attends school wearing **appropriate school shoes**. Black trainers are only authorised where medical evidence has been provided demonstrating that trainers are required.

This year also marks the introduction of the new **Bulwell Academy tie**. All students in **Years 7 to 11** will be provided with a tie as part of our refreshed academy identity and commitment to creating a strong sense of pride and belonging.

As you are already aware we have introduced knee length black tailored shorts as summer uniform. These are only permitted during the **summer term** (not in September), and pupils must still wear school shoes.

Please see attached our school uniform graphic.

Mobile Phone Policy

All schools must prohibit the use of mobile phones from September 2026.

Ahead of the full introduction of the YONDR system, we will be strengthening our current mobile phone procedures from September. Mobile phones must not be seen or heard anywhere inside the school building or grounds. This is not a change to our current policy, however from September;

If a pupil is found using a mobile phone, or if a phone is visible or audible during the school day, they will need to hand their phone to their Director of Achievement at the start of each school day. This will continue until the YONDR pouches are introduced to your child's year group.

This measure is intended to support pupils in meeting our expectations and to ensure consistency across the academy.



Looking Ahead

As Principal, I am incredibly excited about the year ahead. Since launching our **#EraOfBelonging**, we have worked hard to create a culture where every child feels known, valued and supported to achieve their very best. This remains at the heart of everything we do.

The new academic year presents fresh opportunities, new challenges and countless moments of success. We are committed to ensuring that every student experiences a sense of belonging, achieves academic excellence and develops the character needed to thrive both within and beyond the academy.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming our students back and working together to make this another successful year for The Bulwell Academy and its community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Irons', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Matt Irons
Principal



Uniform Expectations at **THE BULWELL ACADEMY**



**The Bulwell
Academy Blazer**



White Shirt
(buttoned to top,
tucked in) worn with
tie



**Black V-Neck
Jumper**



**Knee
Length
Black
Tailored
Shorts**



**Black
Pleated
Skirt or
Black
Regular Fit
Trousers**



- **School socks** worn above the ankle must be black.
- **School tights** must be black. Any socks worn over tights must be black.
- **Ankle or trainer socks** worn on their own may be of any colour.



- **Plain Black T-shirt**
- **Black Joggers / Leggings / Shorts** as required
- **Black Sweater / Base Layer** as required
- **Suitable Trainers** (any colour)

Plain Black Shoes with a black sole and flat heel (trainers or Croc-style shoes are not permitted),



No false nails.
Light make-up only.
No hooped jewellery.
No smartwatches.
Only one studded nose piercing and one stud per ear.
No more than two bracelets.
No hoodies or cardigans.
No mobile phones to be seen or heard.

A bag big enough to carry A4 books/folders and equipment, including PE kit

