

20 October 2023

ACADEMY UPDATE 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

News this week:

The first half term of the year has been filled with great events, trips, rewards, and most importantly, learning. The introduction of the 3 lesson day has been a real success, and the students that are doing all of the right things, day in, day out are being recognised for their efforts, and are being rewarded accordingly. We hope the whole community is feeling this shift in positivity and it is something we are going to be building on next term. At present, the ratio of positive to negative points on classcharts is 18:1, in comparison to 6:1 last year. The top 20 students in each year group for positive class charts points were rewarded this afternoon with Dominos pizza and a movie. It was great to celebrate a really positive start to the school year with these students.

Year 11 students have now completed their first set of mock exams for the year. The students worked incredibly hard to prepare for and complete these exams and we are very proud of their efforts. They certainly deserve their week off!

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended the parent forum on Thursday evening. We hope that you found this informative and useful. There will be another parent forum next term with a sign up, so if you have any questions about the academy, this is the perfect place to ask.

Thank you so much to everyone that has already supported the shoebox appeal by either bringing in items or completing shoeboxes. We still have two weeks after half term to get these items and boxes in, so they can be sent away on time. These Christmas shoebox gifts are likely to be the only gift that these children and families receive at Christmas. Through working together as a community to help others, we can ensure that for just one day, these children and families can feel some joy, in a life that is ordinarily filled with despair. Our kindness can change lives.

Upcoming events:

Building on the success of the Year 11 information evening, there will be a different approach to the Year 11 parents evening this year. This will now be the Year 11 mock results celebration and feedback evening. This is going to be a very positive evening, in which after receiving their results, students will have the opportunity to have discussions with teaching staff, to both celebrate their results and have constructive conversations on how to improve. Food and drinks will be available, along with key guidance handouts and representatives from the local colleges.

At the start of next term, it is important that uniform standards remain high. A reminder that all students are expected to wear a blazer, and the jumper is optional; it is not permitted to wear a jumper without a blazer. Please ensure that your child is wearing black school shoes (no trainers) and that there are no facial piercings or long nails. We allow one stud in each ear only. Please also ensure that your child has their phone pouch with them each day.

We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and are looking forward to welcoming your children back on the 30th October (before 8.30am!).

Have a great weekend.



Mrs. E Gordon
Co-Principals



Dr. C Neal

Calendar Dates

2023-24 Academic Year Dates

Term 2

Monday 30th October – First Day of Term 2

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day service

Thursday 16th November – Year 11 Mock Results celebration and feedback evening

Friday 1st December – School Choir to visit local care homes

Wednesday 6th December – Carol Concert, public event at a local church

Thursday 7th December – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th December – 7-10pm Christmas Concert, public event in the Theatre

Friday 15th December 2023 – Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – First Day of Term 3 – **INSET DAY (students do not attend)**

Thursday 11th January – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 30th January 2024 – Y8 HPV vaccinations

Friday 9th February 2024 – Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2024 – First Day of Term 4

Thursday 22nd February 2024 – Year 8-11 School Photos

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – Year 9 Tetanus injections

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Last Day of Term 4

Tuesday 19th March 2024 – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo

Wednesday 20th March 2024 – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo

Term 5

Monday 15th April 2024 – First Day of Term 5

Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May 2024 – Last Day of Term 5

Term 6

Monday 3rd June 2024 – First Day of Term 6

Friday 28th June 2024 – **INSET Day (Students do not attend)**

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – Last Day of Term 6

Useful contact information

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