

5 January 2024

## ACADEMY UPDATE 14

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very happy New Year to you all and we hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing time over the winter holiday. Assemblies with key stage 3 this week were focussed on how we reflect on the past, learn from our experiences and aim to improve ourselves in every aspect of our lives. It is a perfect time of year to make positive changes, with many people making New Year's resolutions; it is how we adhere to these plans that is important and this requires willpower and resilience. We outlined what makes a successful learner and reminded students of our core vision of 'creating the best opportunities for all' and that aiming to improve ourselves will result in more opportunities in the future.

It was great to see so many of you at the Year 9 celebration and feedback evening (formerly Parents' Evening). We had some very positive feedback from lots of you about the new format of these evenings, so many thanks for that. There were lots of positive discussions on how students are doing in each subject and what needs to be done for future success.

### Upcoming events:

A reminder that we have our parent forum on Monday, from 6-7pm. You can submit questions via the Googledoc link below:

<https://forms.gle/DN28hijUNa72ih5S6>

It is very important to us that we hear your viewpoint on all matters and that you have the opportunity to ask us questions on any aspect of the school.

The Year 10 celebration and feedback evening is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January and the Year 8 celebration and feedback evening is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. A reminder that there is no need to book appointments for these events. These events run from 4-7pm, and you can use your time to find your child's teachers and have a discussion on their progress and what they need to do for future success in the subject. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided on the evening. We look forward to seeing you there on these important evenings.

The Year 11 mock exams start on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We wish all Year 11 students the best of luck with these exams and their preparations for them.

### How you can support us

Please do ask your child about what they have learnt at school this week; try to focus on the key knowledge that has been learnt in each subject and the key skills that have been learnt. Please encourage your child to read; ideally a novel, but anything productive is fine, and then ask them to tell you about it. Reading really is one of the most important skills for success in school and the more that students do in their own time, the more chance of success within all subjects in school.

Many thanks for your continued support. We wish you all the very best for 2024.

With best wishes,



Mrs. E Gordon  
Co-Principals



Dr. C Neal

## Calendar Dates

### Term 3

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – 6-7pm Parent Forum  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Year 10 celebration and feedback evening  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Year 8 celebration and feedback evening  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Y8 HPV vaccinations  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Y11 Mock 2 exams start  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day of Term 3

### Term 4

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – First Day of Term 4  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 8-11 School Photos  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Y9 Options Evening  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 Tetanus injections  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term 4  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y7 celebration and feedback evening  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term 4

### Term 5

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Term 5  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – First day of GCSE exams  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last Day of Term 5

### Term 6

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – First Day of Term 6  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – The Big Show  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of GCSE Exams  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – **INSET Day (Students do not attend)**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last Day of Term 6

## Useful contact information

### Year 7

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### **Year 8**

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