



19 July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of a very successful year, I am writing to inform you about times and dates for the new School term in September and reminders for the new school year.

End of Term – Friday, 21 July at 12.30pm: School finishes on Friday, 21 July at 12.30pm at the end of the Sports Day event. All students must attend school on Friday in their School PE kit. Students in receipt of free school meals will be able to obtain food on the field from Canteen staff up until 12.00pm.

First Day Back - Tuesday, 5 September: School starts on Tuesday, 5 September for all students. We are however having a staggered start as follows:

- Year 7 and 11 are expected to arrive to school at 8.20am.
- Years 8, 9 and 10 may arrive for break at 10.30am but will be expected to be in tutor time at 10.55am.

Key Dates for Term One

- Year 11 GCSE Evening – Thursday, 14 September
- Year 10 GCSE Evening – Thursday, 21 September
- Year 7 Settling in Evening – Thursday 28 September
- Inset Day – Friday, 6 October

Reminders

Uniform and Jewellery: We expect the highest standard of uniform from all students. If you are unsure of what the full correct uniform is, please find details on our website or at Superstitch86. All year groups must wear a blazer. Shoes must be a polished dress shoe. As normal, students who arrive at school who are not in the correct uniform will be sent home to change. We are all very proud of our uniform standards and we will continue to check every day at the student entrance to ensure that the standards are maintained. Our Jewellery policy specifies that students can wear one stud in the lower ear lobe. Facial piercings are not allowed. Make-up must be discreet with no false eyelashes or nails.

Phones & Headphones: Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school as we appreciate the role phones have in ensuring students are safe on their way to and from school. However, phones and headphones will need to be placed in bags once a student enters the building. This has proved to be a system that works well for the Academy, with students only using their phones and headphones when outside of the building. This is however, a privilege that may be withdrawn by the Academy without notice. All jewellery, phones, headphones and any other personal items are brought to the Academy at the owner's risk. We always advise Parents/carers to ensure that valuable items are left at home.

Banned Items: Due to Health and Safety reasons, students must NOT bring aerosols, energy drinks, canned drinks or any medications into school. (Medications must be delivered to our Welfare Officer by parents/carers). Lighters, e-cigarettes, tobacco/cigarettes or any smoking related items are prohibited on school premises.

Communication: Your child's tutor remains the first port of call if you have any concerns. If you wish to discuss elements related to progress in a subject, please contact your child's subject teacher.

I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable and restful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday, 5 September for the start of the new term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Brown', written in a cursive style.

Heidi Brown
Principal