



30th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I would like to share with you some key information regarding the start of term arrangements for your child/young person, and to inform you of some key information for the upcoming term, to allow a smooth and efficient start to this period.

Arrangements for first day after Easter – Monday 17th April

All parents will be invited into the Academy for an individual pupil and parent meeting with their designated coach, or a member of the senior leadership team to discuss your child progress, concerns and timetable.

Exam arrangements

As you will be aware, our year 11 students will be completing their GCSE exams in May and June. For us to support and run these exams in line with the JCQ regulations, we will need to alter the academy day on the dates that we have the exams. The following dates will be affected.

KS3 and Year 10 students			
Date	Arrival time	Departure time	Location
Tues 16 May	11:30	14:45	On site as per timetable
Wed 17 May	08:30	14:45	On site as per timetable
Thurs 18 May	11:15	14:45	On site as per timetable
Fri 19 May	11:15	14:45	On site as per timetable
Half-term break 29/05/23 – 02/06/23			
Mon 5 June	11:30	14:45	On site as per timetable
Tue 6 June	11:15	14:45	On site as per timetable
Fri 9 June	08:30	12:15	On site as per timetable
Mon 12 June	11:30	14:45	On site as per timetable
Wed 14 June	11:15	14:45	On site as per timetable

Uniform

While our basic uniform arrangements remain unchanged, we have seen an increase in student trying to wear outdoor learning uniform on days when they are in the academy full time. Student uniform is the first expectation that we have for all of our students and therefore it is critical that it is adhered to start the day positively. The academy uniform is black skirt/trousers, white shirt and school tie, black shoes or trainers and OA blazer (OA jumper optional).

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E-Cigarettes (Vapes)

As like many schools we have seen an increase in the use of e-cigarettes (vapes) over the past few months. Companies are targeting young people in the way they are branded and are often available in different flavours which can be appealing to young people, but expose them harmful chemicals, at levels that have the potential to cause adverse health effects.

As a result, any student found with an e-cigarette on the academy site will have it confiscated and parents will need to collect it from the academy.

Student Attendance

Students have only 190 days to make the academic and social progress that is required of them each year, and I am appealing to you to continue to support your child and the academy by ensuring that students attend every day and on time.

Please have a restful and enjoyable Easter break and thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr David Stevens
Head of Academy