



**Staffordshire University
Academy**

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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Academy Improvement Work

Please find a further update of the work being undertaken to continue to address the areas identified by Ofsted in our most recent inspection:

- Reviews of the provision within English and science have taken place and feedback has been welcomed by colleagues now working to ensure strategies are being used to develop the provision in both of these core departments
- A review of the Pupil Premium funding has been carried out. Several areas for improvement have been discussed and actioned by Mr Allsopp, Vice Principal leading the strategy
- A full review of leadership has taken place and been fed back to staff and governors – the most important priority to be identified is the work that is still urgently needed to improve the quality of teaching across the academy
- Teachers and support staff have been consulted about ‘non-negotiables’ within the classroom to support the drive for greater consistency with teaching and learning. Ms Owen, Vice Principal leading the teaching and learning strategy, is working closely with colleagues to support their work in the classroom
- All of the reviews that have taken place have included lesson drop-ins and student voice exercises. Every review has included comments about the improved behaviour across the academy. This has included particular reference to the RESPECT code and the application of this
- Early intervention on attendance: families have been contacted if their child’s attendance falls below 93%. The support from families in ensuring their children arrive is really helping us drive towards achieving improved attendance

It is key that families appreciate the external reviews are an important part of the monitoring process but they are not the drivers of change. SUA staff are working incredibly hard to ensure they are united in their desire for the academy to improve. The students have shown that they are on-side and supporting the ‘Team SUA’ ethos of the academy; the most significant change being reported on, so far, by external colleagues. Central to our improvement work is our collective focus on improving the consistency of the quality of teaching.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you along to join our next Parents’ Forum meeting. This will be held on Tuesday 28th November, 6-7pm. A reminder that this is just for parents and our agenda includes: Reporting; We said, You did; Questions posed by students; Rewards / Sanctions. Plus anything else you would like to bring along to discuss.

As always, your support and feedback is welcomed. If you would like to discuss any of the work we are completing please contact the academy via our PA lheelis@suacademy.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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