



**Staffordshire University
Academy**

STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIES TRUST

24th January 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Academy Improvement Work

As we now enter the third week of the Spring term it is important to update you with the good work that has been going on so far this term to support our improvement drive.

- The Parents' Forum met on 15th January and provided us with some really positive feedback when we shared a selection of draft 'Knowledge Organisers'. These organisers will be used throughout the academy for all year groups – 7 to 11 from after the February half term break. More information will follow.
- Homework has been uploaded to the academy website for the Spring term, if you have any further questions regarding homework, please contact your son/daughter's Head of Year in the first instance
- New timetables have been issued to all students to incorporate the removal of the carousel for Years 7 to 9 and an increased number of hours for the creative subjects; student voice has been positive of these changes
- The additional Parents' Evening added to the calendar for this Thursday evening for Years 9, 12 and 13 will provide an additional opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's progress. We are looking forward to your feedback from this event
- An internal review of our sixth form provision has taken place this week to ensure we are constantly evaluating our practice and seeing if there are additional improvements to be made
- Auditions and rehearsals for our academy show are well underway and there is a real sense of enthusiasm for this planned event which will be the largest production I have ever known to be assembled at SUA. Information about tickets will be released after half term but please add the dates into your calendar 20th and 21st March from 6pm
- A visit has been arranged for thirty of our Year 7 students to visit the County Council Chambers to promote work on democracy. This has been arranged in conjunction with County Councillors Bryan Jones and Phil Hewitt
- SUA have joined a STEM project to raise the aspirations of girls into science, technology and engineering; press releases have been published in the Express and Star
- Year 7 have begun studying a tutor programme called 'Smart Moves' to build emotional resilience and develop other problem solving skills

Our next Parents' Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th February, 6-7pm. We will provide further updates during the event plus cover the agenda items: School Comms Parent App – usage and developments, updates on work that will have been completed to support student aspiration and careers, plus anything else you would like to discuss.

May I also take this opportunity to remind families that there is a planned staff training day this Friday 26th January and the academy will be closed to students.

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

Mrs. R. Hillier
Principal

Marston Road, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 4JH

Tel: 01543 224700 | Email: info@suacademy.co.uk | Web: www.suacademy.co.uk

www.facebook.com/suaupdates



www.twitter.com/suaupdates



www.youtube.com/suaupdates

Dyalexia
friendly



**Staffordshire
University
Academies
Trust**