



**Notes of Staffordshire University Academy Parents' Forum  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 6pm – 7pm  
Venue: Staffordshire University Academy**

**Present:**

Mrs Hillier (Principal), Mr Mitch Allsopp (Vice Principal), Mrs Bernie Allsopp (Assistant Principal), Mr Ricky Hall (Assistant Principal), Mr Richard Barnett-Richards (Assistant Principal) Mrs Ellen Jones (Director of Science), Mr Steve Taylor (Director of Mathematics), Mr Scott Williams (Director of Engagement), Mr Tom Holdway (HoY 8), Mr Ian Kirk (HoY 10), Mr Steve Mitchell (HoY 11), Mrs Laura Fletch (Pastoral Coordinator)

Mr Keith Hollins (CEO SUAT), Mrs Heather Holyhead (Chair, LAC), Mrs Claire Collins (Parent Governor, LAC)

Six family representatives were in attendance

Mrs Hillier welcomed parents and opened the meeting explaining the agenda for the evening.

**Update since last meeting**

Mrs Hillier announced appointments of a teacher of spanish, teacher of music and drama and SENDCo, to start in the new academic year. Mrs Hillier went on to introduce two new members of the Senior Leadership Team, Assistant Principals Mr Ricky Hall, Mr Richard Barnett-Richards.

Mr Ricky Hall – 6 years of experience in middle leadership; history background.

Mr Richard Barnett-Richards – 7 years of experience in middle and senior leadership; chemistry background.

**Upcoming events for Year 7 – 9**

Mr Ricky Hall and Mr. Richard Barnett-Richards (Assistant Principals)

**Year 7**

We are supporting Year 5 and 6 students from our feeder schools through **activity and transition days**.

All SUA Year 7 students will have the opportunity to attend and perform at the **Birmingham Repertory Theatre (REP project)**.

**Year 8**

**Parents' Evening** will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 4pm - 6.30pm.

Mini options.

**Year 9**

**Options Evening & Parents' Evening** will be held together on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 4pm – 7pm. This will be a great opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and members of the Senior Leadership to support their children in choosing their options for Year 10.

Year 7, 8 & 9

**Sports day** will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The **Rewards Trip** to Alton Towers & Drayton Manor will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

## Ofsted

Mrs Hillier and Mr Allsopp presented an update of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ofsted monitoring visit.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ofsted monitoring visit took place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019, a letter was sent home together with the Ofsted report which has gone live on the Ofsted website. It was a very positive outcome and some of the key quotes are as follows:

- Leadership is developing at all levels
- 'form tutor first' approach is now more embedded
- Pupils feel safe in school
- Teaching has continued to improve
- Sixth-form provision has improved
- Current pupils are making better progress
- Lessons take place in a positive climate for learning
- broad and balanced curriculum is delivered more effectively
- Pupils' behaviour has continued to improve

The next full inspection will take place during the autumn term.

## Year 10 & 11 update

Mr Ian Kirk (HoY 10) and Mr Steve Mitchell (HoY 11)

**Year 11 collapsed timetables** start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and is designed to support students by giving them additional time in subjects before exams. Exam preparation sessions have been organised prior to exams. Lessons in some subjects will continue to take place where exam does not occur until a later date. Students are expected to be present for all lessons up to the end of Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> May. From the 17<sup>th</sup> May students will only attend the appropriate intervention sessions highlighted.

### Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May

	Period 1 and tutor	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Monday	Maths	Option B - Ar, Dt, Ge, Hi, St	English/Maths	Maths/English	Science	
				Sport Prep French Prep		
Tuesday			Option C - Ca, Dt, Ph, Ge, He			
		Biology Prep			GCSE Biology exam	
		GCSE French listening / reading exams				
Wednesday			English			
		Y11 Chemistry Prep				
		Y10 & Y11 (RS) English Literature Prep			GCSE English Literature (10 only)	
		OCR Cam Nat Sport				
Thursday			Option A - Bs, Dt, Fr, Ge, St			
			Com. So Prep		French Prep	
		GCSE Chemistry			GCSE Computer Science	
Friday	English/Maths	Maths/English	Option A - Bs, Dt, Fr, Ge, St	Science	Option B - Ar, Dt, Ge, Hi, St	
		GCSE French Writing				

White boxes show lessons for students not involved in exams.

Blue boxes show exam prep prior to next exam in subject

Pink boxes shows actual examination.

- In this example students who do not study Sport or French will attend Maths or English and Science on Monday afternoon.
- Student who study these subjects will attend a exam preparation session in readiness for their exam on the Tuesday morning for French and Wednesday morning for Sport.
- From the 17<sup>th</sup> of May students will only attend the appropriate intervention sessions highlighted.



We will be distributing 'Learning Journals' to our feeder schools to support our drive on improved standards and we will continue our links with Walsall Football Club. Important dates to remember:

**Year 5 Activity Day** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Year 6 Transition Days** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Primary visits to promote open evening (date to be confirmed)

**Academy Open Day** (date to be confirmed)

Promotion of the **Year 7 Residential** (date to be confirmed)

## Q & A

Q – Communication could be improved. Some parents do not receive letters.

A – We will look into this and make sure any letter sent home are forwarded via text message and on our website and through the app.

Q – What has happened with the lighting in the main hall, during the academy show there were problems. My daughter suggested the next fundraiser should be towards new lighting.

RH/MA – we are aware of the problem and it is being addressed but replacement lighting will be extremely costly.

MA – we are proudly hosting an evening with Professor Carl Chinn MBE historian for Peaky Blinders on the 13<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm. It promises to be an entertaining event and tickets are first come first serve basis. Please spread the word.

Q – What is happening with the KS3 exams?

A – A letter will be circulated soon with key dates before half term. They are not in every subject and are calendared to take place towards the end of June.

Meeting was closed at 6.35pm.