

19th October 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Academy Improvement Work

This update is the second of many I will continue to send you across the academic year to act as reassurance that we are continuing to address the areas identified by Ofsted in our most recent inspection.

The following has taken place since our first update:

- A visit has taken place to one of our teaching school partners to gain an insight into best practice in science. This has been shared with the science team and added into their department development plan
- A meeting has taken place with a group of schools in Stoke, as part of a maths hub, to observe best practice and to share their expertise following the first round of 9-1 maths exams this summer
- After reviewing the summer results we have identified that the literacy of our key stage 4 students needs an even greater focus and have invested in Sound Training; an initiative with proven results
- A term long initiative for all Year 7 students is underway with Birmingham Repertory theatre to increase their enjoyment of the arts. We cannot wait to see them all perform on stage!
- A full review of the curriculum is well underway and Mr Allsopp will write to families next half term
- Teachers of Year 7, 8 and 9 have all been reminded about how important it is to allow one week for their students to complete their homework tasks. Students are happier with this; very few complaints have been received since this reminder was given
- A full review of the maths provision at SUA has taken place. This was led by a Specialist Leader in Education for maths, from the Painsley Catholic College. A full report has been fed back to the maths team and a comprehensive department development plan is in place to address the areas for improvement. This will be across all year groups; Year 7 to Year 13 to support student outcomes

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you along to join our next Parents' Forum meeting. This will be held on Tuesday 31st October, 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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