

April 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the end of another busy term rapidly approaches we wanted to ensure we sent out a reminder about key dates and our expectations around uniform.

Rewards Day – Friday 12th April 2019

Friday will see students being given the opportunity to be rewarded for their hard work over the year so far with an activity day. Students are invited to select from one of over 20 activities which they can use their reward points to 'buy' into. The options available follow extensive consultation with the academy council and we are confident there will be something for everyone. Year 10 and 11 students will be given the option of having additional maths, English and science revision in the run up to their exams. To select which activity they would like to do students must log on to Class Charts and go to the 'Rewards Shop'. Selections must be finalised by Monday. If students are unsure of their log-in details these can be obtained from their form tutor.

Students are invited to wear non-uniform for the day and are asked to make a donation of £1 which will be collected on the day. Monies collected will be split and contribute to the Year 11 prom and be donated to the NSPCC, a charity chosen by the academy council. Any students who do not wish to participate in this must wear full academy uniform. The academy will close to students at 12pm on this day.

Uniform and expectations

There have been some isolated incidents of students wearing incorrect uniform, including 'jeggings', trainers and facial piercings. Please be aware that wearing correct uniform supports our values of aspiration and preparation for life beyond the academy. Please see below (also on our website) a reminder of appropriate uniform.

Boys Uniform

- Blue blazer with academy logo
- White shirt
- Academy tie
- Plain grey or black tailored trousers'
- Grey jumper with academy logo (optional)
- Plain black shoes (no trainers or pumps)

Girls Uniform

- Blue blazer with academy logo
- White blouse
- Checked, pleated skirt
- Plain grey or black tailored trousers

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- Black tights
- Black socks
- Grey jumper with academy logo (optional)
- Plain black shoes (no trainers or pumps)

Any student not in correct uniform, prior to entering the academy at the start of the day, will be sent home to change or be expected to use spare uniform held at the academy. This is non-negotiable; we will not compromise on our high standards of academy uniform. Please contact us if you have any queries about this.

Sixth Form Dress Code

Our expectations for sixth form students is that they will attend the academy dressed in business attire. Students are not to dress in casual clothes or they will be sent home.

Staff Training

The academy will be closed to students for staff training on the following dates:

- May 7th – **Students arrive at 11am**
- June 19th – **Students leave at 1pm**
- July 5th – **All day**

Communication

Many of you have already downloaded the academy app 'Schoolcomms' which is available for free on Google Play and the App store. We have had some excellent feedback from parents about how convenient it is to communicate with the academy through this. If you do not have the app yet we would encourage you to download it and we are sure you will see the benefit of it. In order for you to be able to register for this we need an up to date email address and phone number, so if you are having issues this may well be the reason why. Further to this, we also have the Class Charts app which allows you to track your child's homework, behaviour and reward points – this app is also available on Google Play and the App Store. To access the Class Charts app you require a parental code which will be sent out shortly, or you can contact the academy for this. If you would like any support in getting the apps up and running on your phone or tablet, then please do contact us and will be happy to help.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over this academic year so far and wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Williams