

10th July 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

After a long and very rewarding academic year for everyone at SUA, I wanted to send out a reminder about some key dates and pieces of key information about the remainder of this term and the start of our new academic year.

Celebration of Achievement assemblies

For your information we are holding assemblies next week to celebrate progress and achievement this academic year. Each student will be issued with a programme during the assemblies, these will be a record of all of our award winners. Good luck to all of our students.

Monday 15th July: Year 8 and Year 9

Tuesday 16th July: Year 7 and Year 10

Summer Showcase

Our annual summer showcase will be held on **Monday 15th July** between **6-7pm**. Tickets are still available via ParentPay at £2 per adult and £1 per child. Tickets can also be purchased on the door with the event starting promptly at 6pm. It would be lovely to see families come along to support our talented students in a showcase that will include music, drama and dance.

Year 10 Rewards Visit

Year 10 have all been invited to take part in their visit to Alton Towers on **Wednesday 17th July**. Students leave the academy after registration and should arrive back by approximately 6.30pm; traffic dependent. Those students who remain in the academy will be supporting the younger year groups with Sports Day.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Sports Day

Sports Day has been rescheduled to take place on **Wednesday 17th July**. A lunch service will be provided to all students between 11.05-11.50am. Parents and families of Year 7, 8 and 9 students are invited to join the event from 11.45am to watch the track events. We have arranged for an ice-cream van to be present, so a small amount of money could be brought to the academy if you or your child would like to make a purchase. The final event should finish at approximately 2pm at which point students will be dismissed and be allowed to go home a little early.

Team SUA Summer Fair

The whole academy will be fundraising **from Monday 15th July** and this will end with our summer fair which is due to be held on **Thursday 18th July** from **12.30pm-2.30pm**. The event will be on the academy field and members of our local community and families are also invited to attend. In order for all students to participate in the fundraiser we are encouraging them to pay £1.50 each as a minimum contribution for non-uniform for **BOTH Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July**. All moneys raised will go towards charities selected by our Academy Council. If students do not want to contribute to the event, they should come to the academy in their uniform.

Last day of term

The final day of the summer term is **Friday 19th July** and students will be dismissed at **12pm**. There will be an opportunity for a food service from the canteen during an extended breaktime: 10.45am-11.15am.

SUA6 Results Day

Year 13 students are invited in to the academy to collect their results between **8am-11am** on **Thursday 15th August**. There will be staff on hand to discuss their results and advise on issues such as university placements or next steps.

GCSE Results Day

Year 11 are invited in to the academy to collect their results between **9am-11am** on **Thursday 22nd August**.

Year 10 are invited in to the academy to collect their English Literature and chemistry results between **10am-11am** on the same day. If your son/daughter is not able to collect their results, please contact our Exams Manager, Mrs Reynolds, to make alternative arrangements: jreynolds@sucademy.co.uk We are looking forward to seeing all of our students for their exam results.

SUA6 Interviews for Year 12

On **Friday 23rd August** between **9am-11am**, students hoping to join SUA6 to study their A Levels and/or Level 3 vocational courses, should attend the academy hall to discuss their examination results and the courses they have currently chosen. Parents are welcome to attend these meetings. The meetings are held to ensure the courses that have been selected are the best suited to each individual. We look forward to these discussions. Students who have previously not applied to join SUA6, are also welcome to attend a meeting to do so on this day – no appointment time is necessary.

Awards Evening

Advance notice for your diaries: Our GCSE and SUA6 celebration, where GCSE and A Level/BTEC certificates will be issued along with other subject awards, will be held on **Wednesday 18th December, 6-7.30pm**. Further details will be sent out to families of our current Year 11 and Year 13 students in the autumn term.

Heads of Year from September

We would like to confirm the following:

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| Head of Year 6 to 7 | – Mr Shepherd |
| Head of Year 8 | – Mr Porter |
| Head of Year 9 | – Miss Randle |
| Head of Year 10 | – Mr Tatton |
| Head of Year 11 | – Mr Kirk |

Uniform expectations from September

Uniform for students during the next academic year will remain the same and can be purchased from Crested School Wear based in Cannock or online at <https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/> 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 uniform reminder.

Boys

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

Girls

- Blue blazer with academy logo
- White blouse or shirt
- Academy checked skirt or black tailored trousers
- Academy tie (optional)
- Black or skin coloured tights (optional)
- Grey jumper with academy logo (optional)
- Plain black shoes (no trainers or pumps)

Full correct academy uniform also consists of no facial piercings, such as nose or eyebrow piercing, and only natural hair colours are permitted. Please be aware that if noses are pierced over the summer break, your child **will not** be allowed to wear these piercings **at all** during the academy day.

Any student not in correct uniform, prior to entering the academy at the start of the day, will be sent home to change, be expected to use spare uniform held at the academy or remain in our internal isolation until an issue is resolved. 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.

PE kit for boys

- ✓ Black polo shirt with red panels and academy logo
- ✓ Plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms; with or without the academy logo
- ✓ Jumper with academy logo
- ✓ Black and red socks or plain black socks

PE kit for girls

- ✓ Black polo shirt with red panels and academy logo
- ✓ Plain black skort, shorts or tracksuit bottoms; with or without the academy logo
- ✓ Jumper with academy logo
- ✓ Black and red socks or plain black socks

**shin pads must be worn for all contact sports*

SUA6 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 to change. Trainers and/or pumps are not acceptable as footwear for any member of SUA6 unless they are participating in a sport lesson.

Class Charts Rewards

Students will be encouraged to collect their Class Charts reward points from September. These points have been received well this year with an academy shop where students have been able to 'cash-in' points for prizes. You will also be aware that we heavily subsidised **ALL** student tickets to Alton Towers by covering the cost of the coaches and at least a £3 discount to each ticket price as a result of the fantastic work our students have completed this year. The sixty students who remained in the academy for the day, also had a rewards treat in the afternoon.

Many of our students were able to attend the visit to Alton Towers completely free if they had 100% attendance and no negative rewards points. Some families will also know that a great many of our Year 11 students attended their Prom at a reduced price due to collecting their rewards points.

Good Luck to all students next year, get collecting as soon as you arrive back in September! All new students will be issued with their Class Charts logins so they can keep track of their rewards points.

RESPECT Code

Our RESPECT Code is fully embedded and all of our students understand how important it is in our everyday routines whilst at the academy. We would like to take this opportunity to remind students that the '**P**' is one part of the code that they are not yet consistently upholding. Too many mobile phones have been seen out on the corridors. We

have taken the decision **not to ban** mobile phones, **YET**, however we must remind our students that they must only have their phones out at break or lunchtime either in the canteen, gym or outside. They should not have phones in their hands whilst walking along the corridors. We will gather further student voice about this next term and consider a ban if this rule cannot be properly upheld. Your support with this message is very much appreciated.



Arrangements for the first day back in September

Please find attached the plan for the first day back in September. To make this absolutely clear the following arrival times are essential for all families to know:

Year 7: Report to the academy hall at 8.45am

Years 12 and 13: Report to the academy hall at 9.30am

Years 8, 9, 10 and 11: Report to your tutor room between 10.05-10.15am

All students will be into their regular timetabled lessons from the beginning of period 4 at 12.25pm. The time up to this point will be spent with their form tutor and they will also have a welcome back assembly.

Reminder of the timings for the academy day

| Activity | Time |
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| Period 1 | 8.45 –9.45 |
| Assembly / Form | 9.45 –10.05 |
| Period 2 | 10.05 –11.05 |
| Break | 11.05 –11.25 |
| Period 3 | 11.25 –12.25 |
| Period 4 | 12.25 – 1.55 |
| Lunch Y7, Y9 & sixth form | 12.55 – 1.25 |
| Lunch Y8, Y10 & Y11 | 1.25 – 1.55 |
| Period 5 | 1.55 – 2.55 |
| Period 6 and extra-curricular activities | 2.55 – 3.55 |

Teacher Training Days

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

- Monday 2nd September
- Friday 4th October
- Monday 6th January
- Friday 3rd July
- Monday 20th July

Following an incredibly successful use of Teaching and Learning training opportunities that have been held this academic year, we have had governor approval to run this same model next year. Dates for your diaries:

- Thursday 26th September students leave at 1pm
- Tuesday 3rd December students arrive at 11am
- Thursday 30th January students leave at 1pm
- Wednesday 25th March students arrive at 11am
- Thursday 7th May students leave at 1pm
- Tuesday 9th June students arrive at 11am

Communication

We intend on running our Parents' Forum once again in the autumn term and two dates for these are:

- Monday 23rd September
- Tuesday 12th November

You can also check our website where we keep up to date information www.suacademy.co.uk and if you haven't already downloaded our schoolcomms app, please do so as it is free on the Google Play or App store. Once you have registered, as long as we have an up to date email address for you on our system, we will be able to push letters and communication out to you via this platform.

Class Charts login details – you can check up on how your son/daughter is doing via Class Charts. If you haven't got a login, we will send these back out in September with a data collection sheet. We would ask that the emergency contact details and email addresses are carefully checked so we can contact you when we need to.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. R. Hillier
Principal

Academic Year 2019/20 First day back – Arrangements

Tuesday 3rd September 2019



| Timings | Activity / Focus | Delivered by |
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| 8.45am | Year 7 arrive at SUA – straight to the academy hall; form tutors present | HoY, tutors & SLT |
| 9.15am | Year 7 with tutors to their form rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetables and planners • Tour of academy • Fire drill assembly point | Tutors |
| 9.30am – 10.00am | Year 12 and Year 13 arrive at SUA – into the academy hall for assembly then to their form rooms at 10am | SCW & SLT |
| 10.05am – 10.15am | Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 arrive to the academy – ALL to tutor groups | Tutors |
| 10.10am | Year 11 register and then straight to the hall – assembly then back to tutor room at 10.35am | HoY, SLT & tutors |
| 10.15am – 11.05am | Years 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 with form tutors. <i>HoY to have provided plan for the time(s) available, this will include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetables, planners and key dates • Form representatives – long list and arrangements for election • CHARACTER Education outlined • Target setting for the term • Aspirations information gathered | Tutors |
| 10.40am | Year 10 escorted to the hall – assembly | HoY, SLT & tutors |
| 11.05am – 11.25am | Break time – ALL students | |
| 11.25am – 12.25pm | ALL back to tutor groups | |
| 11.35am | Year 9 escorted to the hall – assembly then back to tutor room at 11.55am | HoY, SLT & tutors |
| 12pm | Year 8 escorted to the hall – assembly then straight to period 4 | HoY, SLT & tutors |
| 12.25 – 1.55pm | ALL to period 4 timetabled lesson Y7 – Y13 including lunch breaks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.55pm – 1.25pm: Year 7, Year 9 and sixth form • 1.25pm – 1.55pm: Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11 | |
| 1.55pm – 2.55pm | Period 5 timetabled lesson Y7 – Y13 | |

*From Wednesday 4th September, students to follow their regular timetable.

*The academy day starts promptly at 8.45am, students should arrive **no later** than 8.40am and go straight to their first lesson.