

27th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Welcome Back and a reminder of some key dates

After a restful summer break all at Team SUA, students and staff are busy working hard to make a difference this academic year. All students have settled in exceptionally well and are making a positive contribution to the new term.

Our annual Open Evening event will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 6-8.30pm. As with previous years, and to prepare for the event, students will be released at 2pm following our regular lunch service. We thank you in advance if your son or daughter volunteers to return to the academy to support the event – consent letters will be given directly to all students who offer their time; to be completed and returned to reception.

Following our high profile focus on teaching and learning over the past academic year, governors have once again granted the academy opportunities to strengthen our training for staff. Our first teaching and learning afternoon was held this week. A reminder of the dates and times for the remaining five sessions this academic year:

- 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

Please note that the academy will be closed to students for teacher training on the following days:

- Friday 4th October 2019
- Monday 6th January 2020
- Friday 3rd July 2020

Our first Parents' Forum is fast approaching on Monday 14th October, 6-7pm. It will be a great opportunity for you to hear, first hand, from our Senior Leadership Team about our improvement plans and developments for this academic year. There is the opportunity to bring along any questions that you may have in person. Students are not invited to these events; just parents. We will also be discussing the frequency of these events and other ways we can communicate regularly with you this year.

Other advance notice:

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| Tuesday 15 th October | - | Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
Appointments with all teachers and an opportunity to see their Heads of Year |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | - | Year 7 'settling in' Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
Appointments with form tutors and an opportunity to see the Head of Year |

- Friday 25th October - Break up for half term
- Tuesday 19th November - Sixth form (SUA6) Open Evening 6-7.30pm
- Wednesday 27th November - An evening with Professor Carl Chinn from 6pm (details and ticket information to follow closer to the event)
- Monday 2nd December - Year 11 & 13 PPE exams begin this week (pre public exams/mocks),
Year 10
PPE exams (English literature and chemistry only).
- Wednesday 18th December - Annual Awards Evening 6-7.30pm for Year 11 and Year 13 leavers

There will be other events throughout the term including our support of various charities and our annual participation in student Takeover Day in November; details for these will be sent to you separately.

We would also like to remind parents of the two academy apps that we use to communicate with parents and carers. School Comms is an app which allows two way communication between home and the academy. We use this to send out messages, reminders and letters. This is available to download for free from the app store and google play. If you are unable to register on this, please contact the academy to ensure we have the right contact details for you.

Further to this, the Class Charts parent app enables you to track your child's behaviour and rewards as well as keeping track of homework that has been set. If you are not yet registered on Class Charts then please contact your child's Head of Year, Form Tutor or reception who will be able to share the details with you.

Please do keep in touch with us via our School Comms app, or email us at info@suacademy.co.uk and your email will always be directed to the appropriate colleague.

We look forward to working with you all again this academic year and also look forward to working with our new families.

Thank you for your continued support.

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