

18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Academy update**

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the upcoming events happening at the academy.

**Non-uniform day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

The Academy Council have recently met and would like to raise funds in aid of MIND, the mental health charity, by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Our students have done a fantastic job of fundraising in recent years supporting charities such as Save the Children, Comic Relief and Macmillan, and they are pleased to be able to continue this work.

All students who take part are asked to make a donation of £1 and this will be collected during form time. Students who do not wish to take part should wear full academy uniform and will not need to make a donation. Normal curriculum lessons will take place on this day and the academy finishes, for the half term break, at the usual time of 2.55pm.

**Uniform**

As the half term break is fast approaching, we would like to remind all families of the expectations regarding academy uniform. We have seen an increase in girls wearing leggings/stretchy trousers rather than the specified tailored trousers. For the avoidance of doubt, we would like to clarify that these are not acceptable as part of the uniform and where students are found to be wearing these they will be asked to borrow spare uniform. Furthermore, we would like to remind parents and carers that facial piercings in the nose/eyebrow etc are not allowed in the academy, regardless of whether they are covered or not. Earrings should be limited to studs only. Students will be challenged, and consequences issued, if they do not abide by this rule.

**Sixth Form Open Evening – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 6-7.30pm**

We would like to extend an invitation to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. There will be the opportunity to speak to subject staff regarding the range of subjects we offer at Post-16 and discuss how these will support student progression into higher education or work. We will also have a brief talk on the night from a top class university who will offer advice on what students need to do in order to successfully apply for top universities.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to attend, including those who do not currently attend SUA, and we would be particularly happy to see students and parents of our current Year 10 and Year 11 cohorts.

**Peaky Blinders talk – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, from 6pm**

We are delighted to be welcoming Professor Carl Chinn to the academy to deliver another of his fascinating talks on the Real Peaky Blinders. Professor Chinn was one of the main historians that worked with the BBC on the production of the smash hit show and has published several books on the topic. Tickets for the event will be priced at just £5 and will be available to the wider community. We will send further details out in due course, but save the date!

**New canteen facility**

We are really pleased to share our latest development in the canteen. From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October students will be able to access cold food and a variety of drinks and snacks from our outside catering trailer. The trailer will be located on the yard behind the dining area and will operate during break and lunchtime. Students will no longer be able to purchase food in the gym but they will be able to take their cold food to the gym to sit and eat. The catering trailer allows us the flexibility to introduce more interesting items to our menu; watch this space for healthy slush drinks and maybe an ice cream in the summer!

If you would like to contact the academy at any point there are several ways you can do this: a phone call to reception; a message through our school comms app (if you have downloaded the app and we have your email details on file) or an email to [info@suacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@suacademy.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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