

29 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of term

I hope this letter finds you well. As we reach the end of another term here at SUA we wanted to take the time to acknowledge and celebrate the fantastic efforts of our students and staff over the spring term.

This term has been an incredibly busy one with students in Years 11, 12 & 13 sitting mock examinations, careers workshops for students in Key Stage 3, charity events for the UNICEF Earthquake appeal and Red Nose Day, successful university applications and trips to both New York and Paris for over 160 of our students!

When we return from the Easter break we will begin our final term of the academic year which will bring brighter days and warmer weather; with this we will allow students to wear formal shorts instead of trousers, as voted on by the students last year. In the winter months, we have allowed students to wear their coats in the canteen and queue, upon our return students will no longer wear their coats and jackets anywhere within the academy.

As a reminder, I have included our uniform expectations poster which is: on our website, in your child's planner and displayed around the academy. The poster clearly shows what is and what isn't acceptable for uniform.

The behaviour of our students has been fantastic again this half term. Across the whole term students have been awarded 15,959 positive points which is a clear testament to how well they have engaged in their learning and conducted themselves within the academy. This past week we have held our termly celebration assemblies for our students and it has been a pleasure for all of those involved to celebrate the achievements of the students. We look forward to continuing this positive trend in the next term and beyond.

This term has seen a number of extracurricular activities take place with two residential visits to New York and Paris. As you will have seen on our social media accounts both students and staff have had a great time exploring two of the world's most popular city destinations. It is an understatement to say that those students who attend these visits thoroughly enjoyed the sights of the Big Apple and experiencing American culture and a Broadway showing of 'MJ'. As I write this, our students and staff are still in Paris enjoying their final full day in France. We have also held successful careers events for our students in key stage 3 with a particular favourite of both students and staff being the star dome experience. We have also held a number of sporting events with our local primary schools; supported by our Year 11 students.

As we look ahead to the next term we have a number of events to look forward to. We will be welcoming our largest ever intake of Year 6 students into the academy as 185 students join us for their transition to Team SUA. The end of term will have its usual exciting events such as our Summer Fair and Sports Day; more information will follow about these events closer to the time. Before then, we would like to welcome you to



this year's production of Mary Poppins from 9-11th May, as many of our students have worked tirelessly on putting the show together and cannot wait to perform for you. The tickets will be available after the Easter break.

Tomorrow we will be holding a non-uniform day to help raise money for the Year 11 prom taking place next term. This is always a well-supported annual fund-raising opportunity. We are asking for a donation of £1 to wear non-uniform on Friday 31st March and we will also be holding a tuck shop with a wide range of sweets and drinks during the extended breaktime on Friday. Students will leave at the earlier time of 12pm and we look forward to their return on Monday 17th April.

Finally, the staff here at SUA wish all of our students and families a restful break over the Easter period.

Best wishes,



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Lace up shoes, smart slip on shoes,
loafers



Trainers, canvas pumps, boots,
high heels, Dr. Martens



Smart regular fit black trousers, academy skirt,
academy tie, shorts (during summer months)



Leggings, skinny fit trousers,
cropped trousers



Plain black V-neck jumper -
no logos



Hoodies and sweatshirts worn
under or over blazers

