

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

As the first half of the summer term draws to a close, I wanted to take the time to share some of the amazing achievements of your children, our students, here at SUA so far this year.

- Over 157,000 reward points awarded!
- Our production of Mary Poppins was a huge success and the performances of all the students involved were supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!
- Year 11 and Year 13 have begun to sit their formal summer examinations and shown great maturity and dedication to their studies.
- ... and much, much more!

We have a number of exciting events coming up before the end of the academic year. The Key Stage 4 team are planning and preparing the prom for our Year 11 students. We are also busily planning the end of year rewards visit to Alton Towers as chosen by our students. Our Year 10 students are preparing for their work experience week and we cannot wait to visit the students in their chosen place of work. Finally, we are incredibly excited to welcome our first-ever oversubscribed Year 6 cohort to SUA for our transition days.

### **Breaktime**

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we will move to having one breaktime during the academy day. This is due to Year 11 and Year 13 being on their study leave and reducing the number of students around the academy. The break time will be from 11.05 – 11.25. Lunchtimes are unchanged.

### **Behaviour reminders for the summer term 2022/23**

Behaviour at SUA is good, but why would we want anything less than outstanding? We want our behaviour, and systems to be recognised as fair and behaviour to be exemplary at all times.

Having introduced our new behaviour system at start of this academic year with great success in ensuring our students are able to enjoy their time here at the academy with reductions in low level disruption.



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Please find a reminder of the system below:

## SUA Behaviour System 22/23



 <b>Warning</b> <b>A first interruption</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff will use their toolkit to redirect a student's behaviour</li> <li>• Redirection of behaviour can be any action staff choose</li> <li>• This will be locked in with 'This is your warning'</li> </ul>	 <b>Sanction</b> <b>A second interruption</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 minute same day detention*</li> <li>*24 hours notice for students using coach</li> </ul>	 <b>Relocate</b> <b>A third interruption</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocated to another room</li> </ul>
 <b>Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further action</li> </ul>	 <b>Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 minute same day detention</li> </ul>	 <b>Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour detention on a Thursday</li> </ul>



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If a child interrupts learning twice being issued a **same day 30-minute detention**. This will be non-negotiable and follows the guidance from the Department for Education, which also states that '*Schools don't have to give parents notice of after-school detentions or tell them why a detention has been given*'. If a child interrupts learning further, or fails to attend this detention it will escalate to a **60 minute detention**.

If your child lives in our ever growing catchment area and catches the coach to and from the academy and makes incorrect decisions and is issued a detention, you will be given 24 hours to arrange alternative arrangements for collecting them to take home.

Following the RESPECT code and changing behaviour after the warning remains the most effective way of not being in a detention. Rewards will continue to be our priority in rewarding all of the positive behaviour that we regularly see here at SUA.

### Use of Time Out Cards and Toilet Passes

On rare occasions we may issue a Time Out card or a Toilet Pass – these are only awarded with medical or professional evidence. If you feel your child should have either please can the evidence be sent into the academy. Without evidence no passes will be issued.



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All passes will be issued into the student planner. If a child does not bring their planner into the academy, they will not be allowed to leave class. Please rest assured that children who have medical need will be issued a pass as soon as evidence is sent into the academy.

Please send recent medical evidence to [info@suacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@suacademy.co.uk) clearly indicating your child's name.

### Standards of Uniform

Following student voice last year, it was unanimously decided that tailored shorts are now be part of our uniform policy. As the warm weather approaches, we wanted to remind families of this.

In addition to this reminder, we would like to confirm the following points:

- Students trousers must be tailored. Students **are not** permitted to wear leggings, black jeans, jeggings or cropped trousers.
- Footwear must be black school shoes – these must not include logos and should not be trainer type shoes.
- No facial piercings, such as nose (stud, ring or cow ring style) or eyebrow piercings, are permitted and this includes clear studs or retainers. Any student with a facial piercing, ear-bar or hooped earrings will be expected to remove these. Items will be held on reception until the end of the day for repeat offenders.

We would also like to remind families that a plain black v-neck jumper is an optional part of our uniform.

I hope that all of the information above offers clarity to you regarding a number of our expectations. This has been shared with students and staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at the academy [info@suacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@suacademy.co.uk) or 01543 227400 where we will do all we can to support you and your child.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a fantastic half term break.

Best wishes,



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