

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. It has been fantastic to welcome all our students back to the Academy today and we are looking forward to a highly productive, enjoyable and rewarding year ahead.

The building work to remodel the site following the demolition of the old building is nearly complete and we are hopeful that this will be finished very shortly and we can finally utilise all of the new facilities.

We are now able to use the first floor of B Block and we have housed our maths team in this building, along with all the year 7 form bases. As a result of having two separate buildings we have invested in key fob security for student entrances. This will ensure that we can control who enters the Academy buildings. In order for students to be able to move between blocks all students will have lanyards with electronic key cards which allow them to open the appropriate student doors during the Academy day. These lanyards now form part of the school uniform and as such must be worn at all times on the Academy site. If a student loses their lanyard then a replacement will need to be purchased from the Academy.

Today saw the completion of the 2 on-site tests for Covid 19. Having now tested those students with permission, we move to the familiar regime of home testing. Kits for students to complete this will be issued this week and we ask that all students complete a test on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. Changes to the Government guidance means that should a student test positive (and this was confirmed by a PCR test), we no longer need to ask other students to isolate. Instead testing will be used to determine if any other students need to remain at home.

Information Evenings

We will be running information evenings for parents of each year group in the coming weeks. These evenings are designed to give parents updated information about Academy systems, support and further detail about the curriculum for each year group. We very much hope you will be able to attend, see our new building and strengthen the partnership between the Academy and home.

Tuesday 14th September 6pm – 7pm for Year 7 Parents

Wednesday 15th September 6pm – 7pm for Year 11 Parents

Thursday 16th September 6pm – 7pm for Year 8 Parents

Wednesday 22nd September 6pm – 7pm for Year 10 Parents

Thursday 23rd September 6pm – 7pm for Year 9 Parents

Careers Evening

On Tuesday 21st September between 4pm and 6pm we will be hosting a careers event. This will be attended by a wide range of both post-16 providers and employers. It is the ideal opportunity for students, and parents, to get a wealth of information about career paths and opportunities. The event is best suited to students in years 9, 10 and 11.

Open Evening and our Grand Opening

We will be holding an open evening for students in Year and their families on Tuesday 28th September.

In order for us to celebrate the completion of our building project we will be holding a Grand Opening event on Thursday 30th September. We invited members of the local and trust communities together with representatives from the team involved in the building project. The building and facilities will be open to anyone in the community to view from 6pm to 7pm on this date and we look forward to welcoming ex-students from our community to this event.

Expectations

With the summer holidays now over we wanted to remind parents of a few key expectations:

Piercings, other than single studs in the ear, are not permitted within the Academy. If a student has any other piercings, for example a nose stud, this must either be removed or replaced with a plastic retainer.

Punctuality is of huge importance, and with the Academy buildings now being set back further from the road it is important that students arrive in good time to get to their morning registration by 8.30am. We recommend that all students are on site by 8.25am giving them sufficient time to arrive to their form room in a punctual fashion.

All students are expected to arrive on the academy site with the correct equipment for the day's learning. A pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and a scientific calculator are the essentials we ask students to carry with them. Scientific calculators can be purchased from the Academy using parentmail (£4.85) and collected from your child's maths teacher.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs each morning from 8.00am and is open to all year groups. Students can attend and choose from a wide range of breakfast treats including; crumpets, cereal and toast. Student wishing to partake of this should come to the canteen at 8.00am.