

Parent Bulletin, 13th February 2026

Events wc. 23rd February 2026

Week 2	
Monday 23 rd February	PD Day – Academy closed to students
Tuesday 24 th February	Students return for Spring Term 2 Year 11 Mock Exams continue
Wednesday 25 th February	
Thursday 26 th February	
Friday 27 th February	

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you – and your children – for a fabulous half term. Students have worked incredibly hard since their return in January, and it has been a pleasure to witness! Despite some grey weather and a few sickness bugs doing the rounds, attendance and punctuality of the majority of students has remained very good, both of which are the first steps to doing well in lessons.

You may well be refreshing some items of uniform and equipment over the break so we thought it useful to remind you of the expectations around uniform.

Uniform

- Black trousers – *these should be straight-legged and not leggings or jeans.*
- White shirt
- Tie (available from PMG)
- Academy Jumper (Available from PMG)
- Black socks
- Black leather or leather look shoes.

Trainers are not permitted. Please do check if you are unsure, as some shops will stock items as school shoes that we class as trainers. If they are any of the major brands (Adidas, Nike, Reebok, Converse, Asics, Vans, Lonsdale, Puma, Gola, Etc.) then they will not be acceptable as part of our uniform

Coats are recommended for all students, particularly during cold and wet weather. Hoodies are not permitted in the Academy and are not acceptable as an alternative to a coat.

Hair and Make Up: Simple studs worn in the ears or nose are permitted, however hooped or large studs are not permitted. No other piercings are permitted to be worn. Hair and make up should be natural in appearance. Extremes of colour for hair, length for eyelashes and length or colour for false nails are not acceptable. Please bear this mind if planning to spend money on any such treatments over the half term break.

Kit for Physical Education.

We are planning a trial in the summer term of students being able to come to school in their PE Kit on the days they have PE Lessons. We hope this will maximise learning time during PE lessons and avoid the need for students to spend time changing. In order for us to undertake this trial, we need to ensure our expectations for PE Kit are fully adhered to by students. Therefore over the course of the coming half term we will be checking that students are wearing the correct PE kit in lessons. By way of a reminder our PE Kit is:

- Black OEA Polo Shirt (*Available from PMG*)
- Black Shorts (*not cycling shorts*)
- Black socks
- Trainers

Students are able to wear plain black tracksuit bottoms (*not leggings*) and the optional OEA Black sports hoodie (*available from PMG*).

It is our expectation that all students have this correct kit on the days of their PE Lessons. This includes students who may be participating in the lessons in different ways due to illness or injury.

Equipment

All students are expected to bring the following items of equipment with them to the Academy:

Black Pens Pencils Ruler Eraser Calculator

We recommend these are brought in a suitable school bag. Students may need to take other resources, such as exercise books, sketchbooks or revision materials to and from the academy, and a school bag also helps with this.

Punctuality

Despite the appalling weather in recent weeks it has been great to see students arriving punctually to the Academy.

Students are expected to be on the playground by 8.25am, at this time we begin sending them into the building so that they are ready to start lesson 1 at 8.30am.

The school gates are locked prior to 8.30am and any students arriving later than this will receive a consequence. If there is an unforeseen reason for your child's absence please contact the office as soon as possible.

Student Report Cards

We are publishing reports today for students in Years 7-10 - you have hopefully already received these! This short report provide a summary of attendance and behaviour information, including lesson expectation points and any additional behaviour points (both positive and negative). We recognise and celebrate our key values of kindness, aspiration and excellence in this way, and so you may see some of these additional behaviour points have been issued to your child.

For Year 10 students, we are also providing an update on students' attitude to learning in their Key Stage 4 qualifications. Further details have been sent out with a copy of the reports.

We will also provide an update to parents of Year 11 next half term, after students have completed their mock exams.

All reports can be viewed in Arbor, along with additional detail and information.

If you have any general feedback about our reports, please share it here: [February Reports - Parent Feedback – Fill in form](#)

High School Musical

Congratulations to everyone who auditioned for our latest school production, Disney's High School Musical! The cast list was released this week, and the buzz around the school has been amazing to see, and we look forward to the coming months, seeing the cast come together to bring the show to life.

There will be a cast meeting the first week back after half term, so keep an eye out for announcements regarding this!

HPV Vaccinations

The Year 8 HPV vaccination date has been brought forward to Monday 2nd March. The Immunisation Team will contact you to either decline or to give consent for your child to have the vaccination.

Community Art Competition

Congratulations to our community art competition winners! Those who have won a display place in the community will be notified in form time today, and their art will be delivered to local businesses in Meridith Road during half term (Fry-Days, Bekash and Alec Butcher Funeral Services). We are now on the lookout for further local businesses in the Castle Hill area - if you have contacts, please contact the office. For names of winners, please see your year group newsletter!