

8 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Academy Updates

Since returning to school, following the break, it has been wonderful to see the purposeful attitude and learning exhibited by students in lessons. After completing my first full half term at the Academy I continue to be impressed by the amazing students we have in the Academy. Thank you to parents for your ongoing support of the Academy, as inevitably with a new Principal there will be a period of transition as some things change, as we aim to ensure that the Academy continues to be the best that it can be.

Mock Exams:

I wrote home to Year 11 parents last week with a timetable of the exams, and further information about the examination period. Thank you, so much, for the support of parents in ensuring as many of our Year 11 students as possible have been into school early to access our Masterclass sessions.

Sessions begin at 7:50am and are an opportunity for students to have some final key messages before heading into their examination. As well as the opportunity for some breakfast as part of the sessions!

Behaviour System Changes:

As year 11 students have now begun their Mock examinations, there has been a closure of the Reflection Room, as this room is required for examinations. In preparation for this, we will be amending our behaviour policy slightly, in line with the Academy Behaviour Policy, and utilising a C4c, which is a 2 hour session after school. This will include detention, for an hour, followed by some intervention and a parental meeting. These will be booked in advance, and with parental notice. These sessions will run on two evenings of the week and will be pre-planned and communicated with home in advance.

Uniform Expectations:

Since the return after half term there have been some students returning to the Academy, not fully following the uniform expectations. Can I please remind all parents that nail polish and false nails are not allowed as part of the uniform; any students with false nails will need to arrange appointments to get these removed as soon as possible. Equally, a number of students are wearing inappropriate eye-lashes. Make up should be discrete, as outlined in our policy, and false eye lashes are in breach of this. As with nails, any false eye lashes will also need to be removed, and if appointments are needed to support this, can I ask that parents arrange these at the earliest opportunity.

World Book Day:

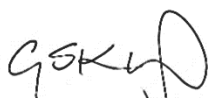
We have had some fantastic events occurring in the Academy relating to World Book Day, A 'Wizard Day' for some of our students who are excelling in school, in addition to a Year 8 visit to the Theatre Royal to see 'The Curious Incident of The Dog in The Night' on World Book Day itself.

A number of staff got into the spirit of the day with some fantastic fancy dress of their favourite book based characters, as well as book vouchers being sent home via students to allow them to collect a free book from local shops.

Over the coming weeks, in the build up to Easter please continue to follow the Academy on our social media channels, as we have some egg-cellent Easter themed praise and celebrations planned in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GSKidmore', written over a horizontal line.

Graham Skidmore
Principal