

8 April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: End of Term Letter - April 2022**

It has been a pleasure leading the Academy since January. I continue to be blown away by the amazing work and attitude displayed by so many of our students, day in and day out. The students at the Academy truly aspire to be the best version of themselves.

As we break for the Easter holidays I wanted to write home to update parents and carers on some updates and reminders:

**Breakfast Provision:**

Currently we offer breakfast in the main canteen from 7:50am. After Easter, this will continue but breakfast will only be available until 8:10am. If students want breakfast they will need to be on site and in the building before 8:10am to access this.

**Total Recall - The Battle:**

As part of the regional Academy competition, Miss Wilson's tutor group (Hong Kong) were second in the competition, only to a tutor from Outwood Bishopsgarth. A massive well done to Miss Ayeni's tutor group (Australia) who also qualified for the competition and were the school winners the previous week.

**Attendance and Punctuality:**

Attendance at the Academy is of paramount importance and we thank parents for their support during what have been a challenging few months, absence levels, illness and some partial closures. As we move into the final term of the year, can I reiterate to parents and carers the importance of a prompt start to the school day. Students are classed as late if they are not over the purple line (at the student entrance gates) and on school site by 8:20am. Lessons begin at 8:25am prompt and for this to occur students need to be in school on time.

**Attendance Awards**

We have issued some awards today, where Spain were the winners of the tutor attendance competition, for the highest attendance (year to date)! Five students (one from each year) were drawn at random from those with 100% attendance from January; there were 196 students with 100% this term. Each winner was issued a £20 Just Eat gift voucher.

Next term there will be a competition where all students with 100% attendance (April - July) will be entered into a draw to win an Amazon Alexa Dot (one per year group) and also the same prize will be drawn for any student who has improved their attendance from Term 2 to Term 3 (again, one per year group).

## **ACE Awards**

We have ended the term with our ACE rewards; recognising excellent work consistently in departments. Over 150 students were invited and received both a certificate and an Easter treat.

## **EI - Star Students**

It was a pleasure to meet with the 15 students across the school that had only had EIs issued as part of their Praising Stars 4 reports, which were issued last week. It is truly amazing that students are going above and beyond in all of their lessons. It is my challenge to all students for this number to increase in Praising Stars 5!

## **Standards of Uniform**

Can I firstly thank parents for the ongoing support to maintain high standards of uniform in the Academy. It is crucial that this is maintained once we return to the Academy following the Easter break.

### **Headscarves**

- Any students wearing headscarves, should only wear black or purple in the Academy.

### **Shoes**

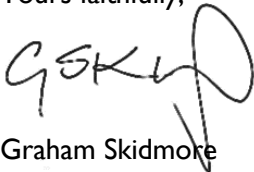
- Shoes for the Academy should be a plain black, polishable shoe, which are free from embellishments. So please if you are buying new shoes do not purchase any that do not meet this criteria.

### **Keeping updated from the Academy:**

We regularly text home as a method of communication, so if for any reason you are not receiving text messages please contact the Academy on 01642 818200 to update your contact details. In addition, if you do not follow the Academy on social media - please do search for us on Facebook and Twitter for celebrations of events and success of our students, as well as key messages.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of the Academy. I wish all of our families a restful break, Happy Easter and wish those families observing Ramadan a restful and peaceful Ramadan.

Yours faithfully,



Graham Skidmore  
Principal