

10 June 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

## **RE: Academy Updates**

The students have returned to the Academy in good spirits following the half term break and Platinum Jubilee, making a positive start to the new, and final, half term of the year. As we have returned, please find some updates regarding the Academy.

### **Organisation:**

As we approach the end of the academic year, we are ensuring that all of our students are fully equipped with the resources they need to be successful. To ensure that ALL STUDENTS have a planner, we are re-issuing new planners to all students who do not have a planner currently. These will be reissued, free of charge, however, we expect students to arrive at the Academy with their planner, and the minimum of a pen and pencil.

As of next week, we will be asking students to show their planner as they enter the Academy to ensure that students have one. We kindly request that Parents and Carers check the student planner each week and sign to say that they have looked at the planner.

The planner is an effective tool for communication between school and home and as we prepare for the next academic year, we want to ensure all students are in good habits in regard to having the appropriate equipment but also ensuring students are fully using the planner to be more organised and independent.

### **Punctuality:**

A small number of students are finding themselves late, shortly after gates close in the morning. Please can I remind parents of the need for your child to be present at school and over the purple line before 8:20am.

### **Reflection Room:**

The Reflection Room, which has been closed briefly, has now reopened and is running again. For clarity, students will escalate Consequences and find themselves in the Reflection Room if they do not attend their sanctions; after a C4b (one hour, after school detention) students will be expected to complete a C5a (half a day in the Reflection Room) which will finish at 3:30pm.

Can I request that parents support their children in making positive decisions in regards to any sanctions issued, so students can avoid and negate the need to ever need to spend time in an after school detention or the Reflection Room.

The Academy will contact Parents, usually via text message, to inform them of any missed detentions and occasions when your child is expected to spend in the Reflection Room.

**Collecting of students from Parents and Carers in cars:**

Recently we have seen an increase in the number of Parents and Carers parking inappropriately at the end of the school day, when picking up their children. I must reiterate that our main priority at this busy time of the day (when potentially 1200 students are all leaving the school site at the same time) is to keep our students safe.

To confirm, the 'Bus Bay' is not to be parked in by Parents and Carers and should not be stopping in the road to allow students to get into the car, blocking traffic. The Academy has a significant visitor car park, to the left as you enter the Academy. This car park is accessed via a crossing, staffed by a school colleague. Staff on duty will be requesting that parents move their vehicle if it is parked in an inappropriate location, so I must insist that parents collecting children by car utilise the Academy visitor car park.

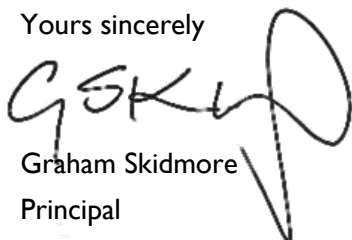
**Uniform Expectations:**

I wrote home at the end of the half term to discuss the uniform expectations, thank you to all of our families who have supported the standards of uniform being high since the break. As a reminder can parents please ensure that should there be any reason a student is not arriving into the Academy in school shoes, that this is communicated in advance with the Academy. We will expect that students loan a pair of Academy shoes.

I would like to take this opportunity, as courtesy, to also highlight again the expectation for any students wearing headscarves; the Academy policy is that headscarves should only be purple or black.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Academy.

Yours sincerely



Graham Skidmore  
Principal