

## Academy Information

### Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students are required to wear full school uniform – this includes shoes and not trainers or crocs. Coats, hoodies and non -school uniform jumpers are not permitted in lessons. Blazers are a required aspect of the students' uniform and as such should be worn every day.

If any parents/carers have any good quality school uniform, that their child has outgrown, we would be grateful if they would donate it to the academy. This will enable us to have a school uniform bank within the academy.

We appreciate that the cost of living is affecting many parents/carers. If you require assistance with providing uniform for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

### Equipment

To ensure that students are fully prepared for learning they should ensure that they bring the necessary equipment to school. This includes a bag to carry a pencil case containing the necessary stationery – pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, calculator etc. Mobile phones are only permitted to be used by students at break and lunch time. They are brought into the academy at a student's own risk.

### Attendance

Good school attendance is essential for students to make good progress. Please ensure students attend the academy on time, every day. Any absences should be reported via the attendance line. When in school students are expected to attend lessons on time. Parents/carers will be made aware of students arriving late to their lessons and the subsequent sanction.

### Exams

External exams are fast approaching. We wish all of our students taking exams the very best of luck.

Some revision advice can be found on the links below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk>

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/help-for-teenagers-young-adults-and-students/tips-on-preparing-for-exams/>



## Academy Life

### Online Safety Advice

Understanding online safety can be tricky for all ages and it can be especially hard to navigate online risks as a parent or carer. The online world changes so quickly it's hard to keep up! It's so easy for young people to share online, that sometimes they might post something and wish they hadn't. Or, what if someone else has posted something about your child? The simplest way to have information about your child removed from a website or app, is to contact the site itself. The link below provides information on how to report to popular websites and apps. Parents and carers should ensure their child understands how to report content to the sites they use.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Reporting-to-social-media-sites/>

Tips for increasing your child's online security:

- Read the terms and conditions with your child to learn what is, and what isn't, acceptable on the site
- Check whether your child is old enough to have an account with a particular social media platform
- Set their privacy settings to high
- Explain to them that they should not share personal information with people they do not know
- Know your child's passwords and discuss that these should not be shared with friends
- Remind your child to log out if they use someone else's mobile device or computer
- If your child receives an unwanted friend request be sure to ignore the request and block the person from contacting again



## Academy Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 vaccinations
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – External examinations start
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 9 Brilliant Club Graduation Event
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Champions Student Training
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – End of Half Term
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Summer half term 2 begins
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 Shakespeare Workshops
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Geography Fieldwork
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Spanish Theatre Performance
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Assessment Window 3
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June – Safer Travel Assemblies
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Malaga Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Work Experience
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 8 and Year 9 Vaccination Catch Up
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Big Bang Science Fair
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – Shelfest
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 UCAS Discovery
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 and Year 12 Amy Winehouse Foundation Presentation
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 A half RSE day
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Geography Fieldwork
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 8 Writing Workshops
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Evening
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 9 S half RSE day
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – INSET day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 11 Prom
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – KS3 GL Assessments
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 11 into 12 Transition
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July – School Show
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – R&R Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Term End