

Academy Life

It has been a busy end to the school year with lots of trips and activities taking place throughout July. We said goodbye to Year 11 at their Leavers' Assembly. The year 11 prom night was a successful evening with students, and staff, looking fantastic in their finery and many arriving in style! Year 12 transition days have taken place for students entering sixth form. We also welcomed Year 6 students for their transition day and we look forward to welcoming them as our new year 7 students in September. As part of the National Theatre Speak Up initiative a group of students created a film which premiered at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton. Year 8 science students enjoyed a visit from a Falconry Centre to see some endangered bird species, a Planetarium experience and a virtual aquarium visit as part of the We Will Project. Mr Palmer and Miss Newton took some Year 9 students on a sailing trip – the crew did a fantastic job manning the decks and learned lots of new skills. Two students were finalists at the OAT Make Yourself Heard competition. A rewards trip to Drayton Manor, Sports days and Activities days were enjoyed by students to round off a busy school year. Now it's time for a well-earned break.



Uniform and Equipment

When students return to the academy in September it is important that they have full school uniform, PE kit and stationery. Uniform can be purchased from Clive Marks in Walsall (further details on our uniform can be found on the link below). Please ensure students spend some time over the summer getting prepared for the new academic year. Pencil cases and bags will help their organisation.

<https://www.scacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Academy+Uniform&pid=163>

Attendance

Attendance to the academy is of huge importance. There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. We therefore expect holidays to be taken outside of term time and routine appointments to be taken outside of the academy day. A two week holiday taken during term time means the highest attendance that can be achieved is 94.7%. Lost learning time impedes on a student's progress. All student absences should be reported to the school by 8am.

Attendance Ladder



Class Charts

In September we are introducing ClassCharts. Using the website, or an app, you can view your child's timetable, homework, attendance, rewards and behaviour. You will receive a code in the new academic year to set up an account.

Summer

We wish all of our students and their families a restful summer break. Whilst the academy is closed, alternative sources of support, should it be required, can be accessed using the following phone numbers:

If you are concerned about a child, please contact Walsall Children's Social Care:

Weekdays - 0300 555 2866

Evenings, weekends and bank holidays - 0300 555 2922 or 0300 555 2836

Support can also be accessed through:

NSPCC: 0800 800 5000

Childline: 0800 11 11

For Mental Health Support:

CAMHS: 01922 607400

Shout - text 85258

Samaritans - 116123

Papyrus - 0800 068 4141

Young Minds - text YM to 85258

NHS - 111

Academy Calendar

17th August – A-level results day

24th August – GCSE results day

5th September – INSET day

6th September – First day for Year 7 and Year 12 Induction

7th September – Return to school for all year groups

14th September – Year 7 PGL Information Evening

14th September – Year 11 Parent Information Evening

28th September – Early close for Year 6 Open Evening

6th October – School photos

12th October – Sixth Form Open Evening

19th October – Year 7 Meet the Tutors

23rd-25th October – Year 7 PGL Trip

27th October – End of Half Term