

December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As the Autumn term draws to a close, I would like to highlight some important information, dates and expectations.

Arbor

Thank you for engaging with the academy's new MIS system, Arbor. The transfer has been fairly seamless and the benefits are already being seen by students and staff. A reminder that notifications that are specific to your child (rewards, behaviour logs, detention notifications etc.) will only be sent via the Arbor app. Should you experience any issues with Arbor, please contact postbox@scacademy.co.uk

Uniform

A reminder of the academy's strict, but simple uniform policy. We do not permit trainers, short skirts or tight trousers to be worn. We are a formal place of work; therefore, the expectation is that students have:

- Black skirts of an appropriate length, worn with black tights
- Black trousers (appropriate style)
- Blazers with the academy badge
- Academy ties for all students (Years 7-11)
- Black polishable shoes
- Students should not wear coats or hoodies in the building
- The only jewellery permitted is one pair of stud earrings and one nose stud.

When students have PE on their timetable, they need to ensure they bring the correct PE kit:

- Blue Sheffield PE T-shirt
- Plain black leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Sheffield tracksuit top or Sheffield PE hoody

Information for uniform suppliers and the academy's uniform policy can be found on the academy website: <https://scacademy.co.uk/for-students/uniform>

New building

We are pleased to share an exciting update regarding our new build project. Planning applications have now been approved following budgetary approval earlier in the term. This should mean that works will start quite quickly in the New Year.



We will continue to keep you fully informed as the project progresses, including timelines and key stages as they are confirmed. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work towards this exciting next chapter for our academy.

Parental engagement

As principal, I am always happy to meet with you, as parents, to discuss any concerns or issues. However, dropping in to the academy unannounced can lead to frustration for all parties. If you would like a meeting, with

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any member of staff, please ensure an appointment is booked in advance, either by emailing the member of staff directly or by emailing your request to postbox@scacademy.co.uk

E-Scooters and road safety

We have received correspondence from West Midlands Police regarding the use of E-Scooters. In short, E-Scooters can only be used on private property, it is illegal to use them on public roads and pavements and as such, the academy cannot store them on site. Therefore, students must not ride e-scooters to or from the academy.

Please could everyone also be considerate of residents when parking outside and around the academy. Please do not block any driveways, access points or car parks.

Term dates

The academy will close on Friday 19th December 2025 for the Christmas break. Monday 5th January 2026 is an inset day; all students will return to the academy on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

All term dates for the academic year can be found on the academy website: <https://scacademy.co.uk/key-info/term-dates>

Important dates

Please note the following:

Friday 19th December 2025 – End of term, students finish 12.00pm

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET day

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Students return, all years (week B)

Thursday 15th January 2026 – Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening

Tuesday 3rd February 2026 – Year 9 vaccinations

Thursday 12th February 2026 – Year 9 Parents Evening and Guided Choices

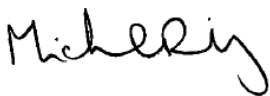
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026 – Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026 – INSET day

Important dates and events can also be found on the academy website: <https://scacademy.co.uk/events>

I would like to thank you for your continued support of your child(ren) and our academy. I wish you and your family a restful and safe time over the Christmas break.


Yours sincerely



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