

Dear Parent/ Carer,

October 2021

The nights are drawing in and, yet again, I seem to be leaving for and returning from work in the dark. The light that we have seen since welcoming all the students back to their normal timetables and access to all areas of our academy still shines bright!

So much seems to have happened this half term; it is easy to forget that only eight weeks ago we were testing students ahead of their return. Our positive case log has been kept very low and we have not had to have recourse to measures such as face coverings, bubbles or staggered times. This has meant a sustained period of continuity of education for all students which has been simply brilliant and more than needed following the previous 18 months. Attendance rates are good, above the local and national averages but we always expect more and will continue to work with you to ensure that all students attend as much as possible.

With a return to a more normal way of working I have been able to get out and about around our academy. This week I have been tracking and meeting with students for whom learning is not always easy. We have been careful to craft a curriculum journey that is knowledge rich, coherent, well sequenced and accessible to all. It has been really positive to see the reality of this in our classrooms. I have been thoroughly impressed by the strategies that staff are using to make sure that everyone has the same equality of opportunity to access our curriculum.

With a return to a more normal way of working we have been able to relaunch events and enrichment activities. We are proud that we were able to open our doors once again to the community and hosted a superb Yr6 Open Evening and two parents' evenings. I was delighted that we could host a netball tournament and was hugely impressed by the enthusiasm and success of our teams. I was also able to take in a Year7 football fixture for the first time in ages and just loved the energy and pride the students had in representing their new school! We were also able to relaunch educational visits and I was thrilled that over one half of our Year 8 students took part in the PGL residential. Whilst away students really challenged themselves with a zip wire, high ropes course, Jacobs's ladder, map reading, orienteering and so much more! In Dance, students in Years 10, 11 and 13 were recently given the exciting opportunity to work with two dancers from Motion house Dance Company exploring their work 'WILD'. Students and tutors did an excellent job at preparing lots of fantastic resources and ideas for students, thank you to everyone involved! They were put through their paces in a two-hour workshop developing their skills in contact work and they learnt repertoire from the work. Meanwhile in the 6th Form students celebrated World Mental Health Day with a number of activities in the Post 16 Block. They had stations to send feel good messages to staff and students, fill in kindness cards, take part in mindfulness colouring and activities designed to improve your mood. Also well done to Mayesha Begum for being selected for Aston University Pathways to Healthcare programme. We look ahead to next half term with excitement; the possibility of our first show and yet more regular face to face assemblies.

World Mental Health Day



This week we welcomed the vaccination team, do not worry if you missed giving consent as I have been made aware that follow up services will be made available to the community.

May I please also take this opportunity to remind you of the uniform policy and our expectations. Students must be smartly dressed in white shirt, house tie, GSA blazer and black trousers that are not tight to the skin or stretchy material. They must also be long enough so they touch the top of the shoe. Alternatively, any skirt must be black and reach the knees in terms of length. A plain black school jumper may also be worn. Shoes must be black and boots are not an acceptable form of footwear. Facial piercings are not allowed and any earring must be limited to one stud that must be in the lobe of each year. For further information and our uniform policy please see the Academy website.

Term Dates and Training Days 2021-2022

Half-term Holiday: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

- Term ends: Friday 17 December 2021
- Christmas Holidays: Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022

Spring Term 2022

- Term starts: Wednesday 5 January 2022 (training day Tuesday 4th January)
- Half-term Holiday: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022
- Term ends: Friday 8 April 2022
- Easter Holidays: Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

- Term starts: Monday 25 April 2022
- May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022
- Half-term Holiday: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022
- Term ends: Tuesday 19 July 2022 (training days Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st July)

As always thank you for your continued support; it is much appreciated.

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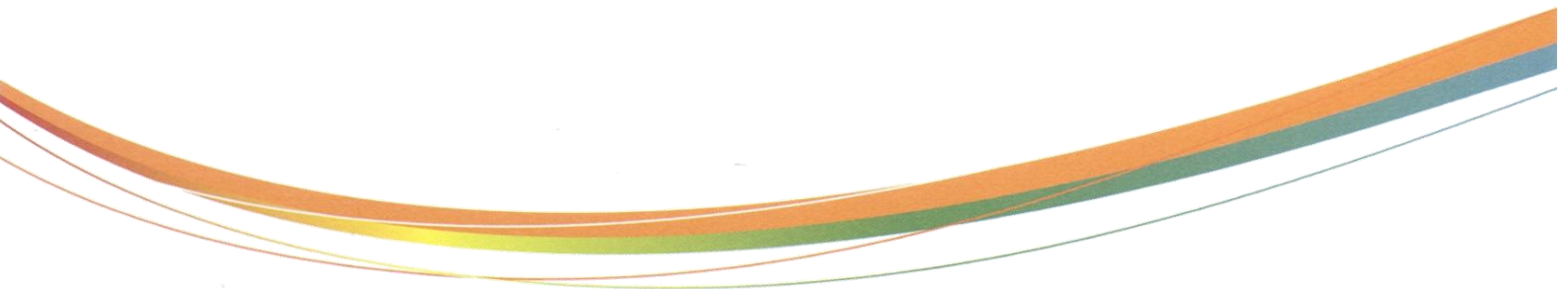
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