



30 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

September Update – Letter 2

As we arrive at the end of our first few weeks back at the Academy, I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all our students and parents/carers on such an enthusiastic return to the new 2021/22 academic year. As ever, the Academy has had a positive feel and energy to it and both students and staff alike have really hit the ground running in terms of settling back into our routines – It is fantastic to be able to write about more normal times in the first time for quite some time!

Our students have been engaging well with their learning and I have seen some high-quality work being produced in classrooms throughout the Academy. What has been evident, is the number of students who have followed the teacher's advice and continued working over the summer break with their reading, times tables and for our Key Stage 4 students GCSE Pod. This has been great to see and will certainly help the students to make real progress during the coming weeks.

Uniform

I also know you all understand how much we value the importance of our students presenting smartly at school, whether that is when wearing their Academy Uniform or their PE kit. There can be no disputing that this has remained in place, give, or take the occasional shirt or two that has required tucking in! We look forward to this continuing to be the case in the future as it sets the tone of high expectation and creates such strong impression in terms of the Pride our students have in our Academy.

Attendance

Attendance has started positively in some classes within the Academy however this must remain a focus as we continue to build the good habits of attending every day! As with everything, I would like to see this figure increase even further. Let us set the tough target of achieving a percentage in excess of 97% next week! I cannot stress enough how important it is that all students are in the Academy every daily. Please may I politely request that holidays and appointments (unless totally unavoidable) are not taken or made during term time.

Car Parking

As we are all aware, the car park next to the Academy can become very busy at the start of and end of the Academy Day. Can I please request that if you are using the car park that you drive carefully and with consideration for others.

Academy Website

Over the next few weeks we will be updating our website with curriculum newsletters, curriculum maps and Knowledge organisers to ensure you have a good understanding of what your child will be studying over this term and the Academic year, please pay careful attention to the contents of this very important information.

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School Lunches

As you are aware the Academy is keen that all of our children eat a healthy nutritious meal at lunchtime as this is proven to sustain students and help them maintain a level of learning throughout the day. To help parents with this we have subsidised the cost of our school lunches since 2016 unfortunately, due to our increasing student numbers we are no longer able to do this and have to advise that from Monday 1st November (after the October half-term break) prices will increase to £2.25 per day, £11.25 a week.

Apologies as we have had a few issues with the introduction of our system for online lunch payments for secondary students which we are resolving, we will communicate this to you as soon as we can. In the meantime can we remind all parents that lunches should be paid for in advance and payment can be made by either cash or credit card in our main Reception.

Secondary children should ensure that they have enough money on their accounts to purchase food at break and lunch as required.

Social Media/Contact

Just a reminder that you can also follow us on our Twitter and Facebook accounts or contact us by telephone or email.



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Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Pape".

James Pape, Principal

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