

27th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We begin the new academic year with news of some outstanding outcomes for our Year 13 finishers. They achieved the best A level results to date and well over 100 students are currently commencing their degree courses at University.

At the Academy we have had a very busy start to the autumn term. Nearly every year group is experiencing new curricula across many subjects. There are many new GCSE courses for our Year 9, 10 and 11 students. The assessment of these new GCSEs will show outcomes graded 1-9 instead of A*-G. Our outgoing Year 11 students were the first to experience these reformed GCSE examinations in English and mathematics. Last year they rose to the challenge of additional lessons before and after school, they took on board the need to revise and complete homework every weekend and during every holiday, and as a direct consequence of their amazing efforts, they were rewarded with great success. 92% of Year 11 progressed to our 6th Form with over 70% accessing level 3 courses.

We want all our students to have the opportunity to experience success and have choices in life. In order to support your child as best as possible we are running workshops and sessions for parents to keep you informed.

Thursday 28 th September 2017	Year 9 Parents' workshop
Thursday 12 th October 2017	Post-16 Options Fair Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 th October 2017	Careers Fair Year 7 Meet the Tutor
Friday 24 th November 2017	IEAP day for all years 9 – 13, Y7/8 Drop Down Day
Thursday 18 th January 2018	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 23 rd January 2018	IEAP day for years 7 - 13
Thursday 25 th January 2018	International Group Parents' Evening
Tuesday 30 th January 2018	Year 8 Options Fair
Wednesday 31 st January 2018	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 st February 2018	Post-16 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 14 th March 2018	Year 8 Options Evening Advice and guidance for parents and students selecting KS4 courses
Thursday 22 nd March 2018	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th April 2018	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 2 nd May 2018	IEAP Day

All other dates are available on the school website.

Open Events

The school will close at **2.30pm on Thursday 5th October for Open Evening**. Some Year 7, Year 8 and 6th Form students have been invited to act as tour guides for the evening. They will need to be in school for 5pm and be in full school uniform. If your child is attending the Open Evening and they want to stay throughout the afternoon, they will get a meal before the evening commences. Student helpers will finish between 7.30pm and 8pm. Friday 6th October, following the Open Evening, will be an INSET day.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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