

27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We begin the new academic year with such positive news about the achievements of our outgoing Year 13 and Year 11 students. The proportion of students achieving top grades, both at GCSE and at A level, has risen yet again. Many students have secured degree course study at university or, indeed, a place in our 6<sup>th</sup> Form on Level 3 courses. Those choosing not to attend university have preferred to commence apprenticeships that will combine learning and paid work. This is an excellent alternative to university and often leads to successful career development. We wish our leavers well and hope that they return to visit the Academy.

The returning cohorts of students have settled into their programmes of study, many having completed their summer holiday homework most successfully. As always, our exam classes have the longest school days as we try to ensure that they utilise all of the 'after school' support available. Year 10 students will have an extended day every Thursday to complete an additional qualification and Year 11 students have an extended day every day. 6<sup>th</sup> Form students are expected to make good use of their 'free' lessons and after school time.

Good study habits, excellent attendance and punctuality are the key to success in both academic and vocational courses. We hope that parents/carers will continue to support us with high expectations. We want all of our students to have the opportunity to experience success and have choices in life.

In order to help you to support your child, we are running workshops and sessions for parents to keep you informed. The table below shows parent events, student career events and some deadlines.

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Open evening including 6 <sup>th</sup> Form
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Year 7 Meet the tutor event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	KS3 Extended Project launch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Year 11 Parents' Evening Advice and guidance for 6 <sup>th</sup> Form study Post-18 Careers Fair
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open morning Year 11 'What's next' event
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Year 7 languages options evening
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Parents' Forum
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Year 11 6 <sup>th</sup> Form application deadline
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	IEAP Day interviews
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Year 11 6 <sup>th</sup> Form interviews
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Year 8 Student Options Fair
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open morning
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Year 11 6 <sup>th</sup> Form tasters
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	International Group Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Year 12 Inspiring Futures event
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Year 8 Options & Parents' Evening Advice and guidance for parents and students selecting KS4 courses
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Parents' Evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	IEAP Day interviews
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Parents' Forum
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	International Evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	IEAP Day interviews
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Parents' Forum
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 6 Induction



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## Open Evening

The school will close at **3.00 pm on Thursday 4th October for Open Evening**. Selected Year 7 students will act as tour guides for the evening. Any Year 7 student supporting this event must attend in full school uniform. This event will end by 7.45pm.

## Behaviour, Safety and Security

We take this opportunity to remind you of the student requirements:

- To travel straight to and from school.
- To travel in groups of no larger than four.
- Not to visit Southside Shopping Centre before or after school in school uniform. Students may visit in school uniform only if they are accompanied by a parent or carer.
- To take a mode of transport that is direct and doesn't involve congregating in Wandsworth or Tooting Town Centre.
- To do what is asked of them by a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) or any other figure of authority.
- To have a valid photo Oyster card when boarding public transport.
- To understand that if their conduct is poor, they risk having the privilege of free transport taken away and being sanctioned by the school for bringing the school into disrepute.
- Not to enter shops before or after school.
- To travel to and from school in full uniform and support our ethos.

## Uniform

As the weather changes please make sure that your child has a traditional plain **black** school coat with **no logos**. Leather/ faux leather jackets are not permitted. Plain black scarves only. Plain black hair accessories only. All clothing needs to be labelled.

## Jewellery

One pair of small earrings may be worn, one in each ear lobe, and one ring may be worn. No anklets, nose studs, tongue studs or any other body piercing. No tattoos. Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated and a letter sent home to parents/carers to arrange collection.

## Hair and make up

A reasonable hair style must be worn. Only natural hair colours are acceptable. Any hair accessories must be black. Students are not allowed to wear make up in school or wear nail varnish, false nails or have an extreme hair style or colour. If they are in school with make up then they will be asked to remove it.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	INSET Day – no students in school
22 <sup>nd</sup> October – 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half term break
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	INSET day – no students in school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	End of Autumn term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Start of Spring term
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	INSET day – no students in school
18 <sup>th</sup> February – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Half term break
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	INSET day – no students in school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	End of Spring term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Start of Summer term
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Half term break
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	INSET day – no students in school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	End of Summer term

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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