

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well. I am pleased to share some of the highlights from a positive week here at the academy.

It was wonderful to welcome our students back on Monday, after the winter break.

Well done to our Year 11 students who have returned to school with real drive and purpose. We have been particularly impressed by their commitment to attending Lesson 0 and Lesson 6, which demonstrates their determination to succeed. Your continued support in encouraging this engagement is greatly appreciated and makes a significant difference.

We are also proud of our Year 7 students who have been working hard during their assessment week, this week. Well done to them for showing commitment and demonstrating resilience in their studies.

Elsewhere in the academy, this week's assemblies have focused on our school value of resilience and have encouraged students to reflect on how they can hold themselves accountable for the goals that they set themselves. Year 7 and 8 were set a challenge to record their 5 acts of resilience this week. If your child has engaged in this, please ask them about it and if they have completed their resilience sheet they can receive a reward on Monday morning if they return it to me on duty.

We have also spent some time discussing how students can listen most effectively in their lessons, to ensure that they are learning in the best way possible through our SHOW UP approach.

It has been wonderful to see so many Y11 students attending their booster sessions. All parents should be really proud of their children for showing such positive attitudes towards their learning. We are sure that if this commitment continues, it will have a great impact on their results in the summer. Well Done!

Coming up

Please be aware that Year 9 Parents' Evening/ Options Evening is coming up on Monday 19th January (3: 30pm until 6pm).

This is an important evening in helping your child to decide their next steps and which subjects they would like to pursue at GCSE. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please also be aware that Year 10 Parents' Evening is coming up on Tuesday 3rd February.

Again, this is an important evening to hear about how your child is progressing in their GCSE/ BTEC courses- we look forward to welcoming you.

Year 11 Key Dates

- **2nd - 6th Feb** MFL Speaking Exams
- **3rd Feb** - MADE Session (Marginal Gains)

- **9th - 13th Feb** Week 1 of PPE2
- **16th - 20th Feb** Half Term Revision
- **23rd Feb - 6th March** Week 2&3 of PPE2
- **31st March** - Parents Evening (PPE2 Results)
- **20th - 24th April** MFL Speaking Exams
- **22nd - 24th April** Art Subjects Exams
- **29th April - 1st May** Art Subjects Exams
- **8th May - 26th June** GCSE EXAMS

Attendance matters. Being in school every day and arriving on time gives students the best possible chance to succeed—academically, socially, and emotionally. To encourage and celebrate these positive habits, we're excited to announce that the **Attendance Challenge is back!**

Throughout the challenge period, students will be rewarded for meeting our expectations to be **in school every day and on time**. Each day, students can earn **points**:

- **1 point for being in school**
- **1 point for being on time**

These points will be collected over the half term, and at the end of the challenge they will be **converted into entries for our prize draw**, giving students the chance to win some fantastic rewards—including an **Apple iPad** , **Apple AirPods**, and **reward vouchers**, as well as weekly prizes and trips.



We know that good attendance can sometimes be challenging. If your family needs **support or advice to improve attendance or punctuality**, please don't hesitate to contact our **Attendance Team**—we are here to help and work with you.

Show up. Improve. Be rewarded. Every day really does count!

Thank you for your continued support of the academy and our students. I wish you a restful weekend.