



Newsletter – 9th October 2018

Dear Parents and carers

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone well. We have had a very busy but excellent start to the academic year.

I am really proud of the improvements that we have made to the academy this term. We have been visited by the Oasis Monitoring and Standards Team, who agree that we are making good progress against our rapid improvement plan. We will continue to work to make this our priority. I am particularly proud of the huge improvements in the standard and quality of work that students are producing and the improvements in the quality of teaching that all the children are receiving.

I continue to speak to several parents and we are continuing to tackle homework and ensure that this is regularly set and marked.

Behaviour

We are continuing to make adjustments to our behaviour policy once we have spoken with both staff and students and gathered their views. We have made the following adjustments which are mainly concerned with improving punctuality to lessons. Whilst the vast majority of students have significantly improved their behaviour, there are a small number of students, who are arriving very late to lessons and causing significant disruption as a result. We will now be insisting that in the afternoons, if a child is significantly late to tutor time (5 minutes) we will not allow them in. The students will be kept for a 30 minute detention. Whilst this is disappointing, it is now time that the few students who are not behaving in the proper way around the academy make the improvements which are needed.

We will often contact parents where a child has been removed from a lesson. Please speak to your son or daughter if this is the case.

Uniform

I am aware that there have been some issues with Hewitts not having enough uniform. They have informed me that they will over half term. Whilst the vast majority of students are smart for their lessons, too many are not. I am giving parents notice of the following:-

- We will not allow any earrings into the academy. We will confiscate if we see them. Students will not be permitted to go to lessons with any earring or any other piercing showing.
- Mobile phones should not be visible inside the academy. We will confiscate until they are collected by a parent.
- No student should be wearing any nail varnish or fake nails, until this is removed, we will not allow students into lessons until these are removed
- Hair styles need to look natural and smart.

I am aware that some of these rules may seem hard. However, these are very normal school rules, and are about demonstrating to all the high expectation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th October – Parent Forums (9am and 6.30pm)

18th October – SEND parents evening 5 – 7.30pm

29th October – INSET (No students in school)



Parent Forums

I have added the times of the parent forums from my previous emails. I hope that many of you will be able to attend these sessions.

Yours sincerely

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Thomas Raymond
Principal