

E-Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

I think that we would all agree that the last month has been a very strange one! We have all been forced into a very new way of working within school and it has taken a little getting used to!

I have been so impressed with the adjustments that both students and staff have made and I believe that many of the changes that schools have contributed towards the excellent start to the academic year.

I know that some of you have started to receive pastoral phone calls from your child's form tutor. This is one of the new "post covid" initiatives that we now have in place to improve communication between home and school. I hope that these are useful. Each family should receive at least one phone call from their child's form tutor each half term.

Thomas Raymond
Principal

Mini Assessments

A huge well done to our Year 11 students who completed their first set of “mini-assessments” last week. These are in place to support all students as they move towards their GCSE examinations next summer. Results will be sent home over the next couple of weeks.

Please note that we have had a really positive start to the Year 11 intervention sessions which are running after school. Please encourage your child to attend where possible.

School Rewards (Payslips)

We have been issuing “payslips” to students each Monday since the start of the term. These reward our students for the excellent work that they do. We are rewarding the students for the following:-

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- Being ambitious
 - Being Kind
 - Being professional
 - Attendance to school

We would very much appreciate parents discussing these reward points with their children.

INSET days

Just a reminder that 16th October is an INSET day and no children will be in school.

Careers Interviews

Year 11 students have started their careers interviews. I hope that all of our students are finding these useful.



Extra-curricular activities

We will be writing to parents later in the week concerning the extra-curricular offer that we have in school. It has taken a few weeks to set this up due to the restrictions around Covid-19. We very much look forward to this starting soon.

Please encourage your son / daughter to attend.

Uniform

As you know we have been having a big push to ensure that all students are wearing their face coverings as they move around the school. This is a part of the academy uniform. Please ensure that your child brings their face covering to school each day.

I have been pleased that the vast majority of students now have the correct Arena PE kit. Please do contact the school if you are having any problems getting hold of this.

Attendance to school

I wrote to parents at the start of the year regarding the importance of good school attendance. I am pleased with the huge proportion of students who remain over 95% attendance so far. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that students should be in school every day?

We know that high levels of school attendance does lead over time to children achieving much better.

Students should be in school on time, each day, unless they are unwell. Please can you remind your son / daughter on the importance of being on time for school.

We ask that parents and carers telephone the school each morning if their child is unwell and speak to Mrs Dewhurst the attendance officer.

