

June 2023

Parent Update

Dear Parent / Carer,

As the end of term is approaching, I would like to update you with some important information.

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring that your child wears correct uniform for school. It is important that standards remain high during the summer term, particularly with regard to black shoes and appropriate trousers. During warm weather, students can remove their blazers, but they must bring them to school. Parents are reminded that coats should be labelled, and that designer coats are brought to the Academy at the student's own risk.

Bringing Items into the Academy

Students are not expected to bring any additional equipment into the Academy to assist in specialist lessons like art, technology, science or clubs. Standard equipment is required for all lessons e.g. pen, pencil, ruler. Please could parents ensure that their child does not carry scissors or any sharp items as part of their equipment, these are provided where needed. In addition, plastic pencil sharpeners are not permitted - they must be all metal. We are happy to swap pencil sharpeners from plastic to metal ones. Parents need to check their child's bag on a regular basis to ensure the items are appropriate for school. Any valuable items are brought at their own risk, the Academy cannot be held liable for such items.

Low level disruption

As you are aware, students who accumulate four or more negatives between Friday and Thursday each week are required to complete a two-hour SLT detention the following Monday. Alongside this, we will be monitoring any low-level disruption via Class Charts. Any student who is identified as causing low-level disruption in lessons, on more than two occasions, will be placed on report, until such time that they can modify their behaviour.

Holidays in term time

Any requests for holidays in term time will not be approved in the school year and could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued. Any period of absence has an impact on the academic progress of pupils and should be avoided wherever possible. The Academy expectation is that pupils will attend every day and their attendance should be a minimum of 95%.

Year 10 Sunderland College Visit

Year 10 students will be attending a 'taster day' at Sunderland College on Wednesday 21st June. Students will participate in workshops to help them explore their post 16 options. Students will be required to wear Academy uniform and to bring a packed lunch. If your child receives free school meals and you would like a packed lunch to be provided by the Academy, please ask your child to inform Mrs McDermott (Careers Leader) by Tuesday 20th June.

I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather; I will be in touch again before we break for the Summer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Owens".

Mrs J Owens
Principal