

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to personally thank all parents/carers for their support so far this term. I want to take this opportunity to provide you with some important updates as we approach the half term break.

School Holidays

Students break up for half term on Friday 23 October 2026 and return on Monday 2 November 2026.

Please note: As per the school calendar on the website, the Academy will be closed on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 November 2026 as a school holiday. I wanted to ensure that all parents are aware and have advanced notice of this.

Coats

As it is turning colder and we are approaching winter could you please ensure that your child's coat is clearly labelled with their name or initials. Your child's Head of Year has labelling pens if needed. If you allow your child to wear an expensive coat to school they do so at their own risk. The Academy cannot be held liable for expensive coats or other items that get lost or go missing.

Bringing Items into the Academy

Students are not expected to bring additional equipment into the Academy for specialist subjects such as art, technology or science. The standard equipment required for lessons includes a pen, pencil and ruler.

Please ensure that your child does not bring scissors as part of their school equipment. Scissors are provided by the Academy when required.

In addition, plastic pencil sharpeners are not permitted. Students must use an all-metal pencil sharpener. If your child currently has a plastic sharpener, we are happy to exchange it for a metal one.

Any other items that are not required for school should be left at home. We encourage parents and carers to check their child's school bag regularly to ensure that they are only bringing essential items into the Academy.

Car Parking and Entrance/Exit

I would like to remind all parents/carers that the school has a one-way system for cars. Please can parents take into consideration the fact that at times disabled bays may need to be accessed, therefore parents should avoid blocking these bays when waiting for their child to finish school.

Homework

Firstly, thank you for your support to date with homework and ensuring students are checking and completing this on time.

I would like to remind all parents/carers that homework will be set using Arbor for all students. This may then direct them to an online platform, such as Sparx, to complete the homework

All students are encouraged to use our after-school homework club to support in checking what homework they have and/or completing homework. This is available afterschool every day in D04.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Owens

Principal