

10 June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank you for supporting the Academy in what has been an interesting week. I am sure many of you now know that the press are prone to exaggeration and they have led parents to believe that the Academy is insecure and allowed strangers into the Academy which is simply not the truth, indeed as many of you will now know they were our students and there was no weapon and no intent to cause harm.

I am not at liberty to divulge all of the details but I have spoken on the phone with a number of parents who have been reassured by my explaining the true events of that day which are not nearly as sensational as journalists would have you believe.

I am writing largely to inform you of how we are in our improvement journey and the various activities we have been carrying out at the Academy.

Firstly, thank you parents for supporting our uniform drive, there is a marked improvement in the quality of uniform which is visible to see including removal of facial piercings, tongue and gum studs /hoops are also not permitted and students will be asked to remove them. However, there are still some students who are continuing to break the uniform rules, particularly short skirts. Please speak to us if you need support in purchasing a suitably length skirt or suitable shoes, from Monday, any students with short skirts will be provided with an Academy skirt of suitable length and will be expected to wear it to access lessons. We can support with the purchase of skirts if required, please speak to your Head of Year if this is the case.

On the topic of uniform, we will be moving to normal ties from September as opposed to clip on ties. We will be providing these free of charge to all students in current years 7-10. They will be available for students to take home before the summer break so they can arrive in school correctly dressed. The ties also have colour coded logos so that each year group is easily identifiable.

We are launching a number of exciting initiatives over the coming weeks that I wanted to share with you:

NBA Spelling Bee: The year 7 and 8 Spelling Bee will commence next week; students will be provided with a 100 tier 2 and 3 vocabularies to learn how to spell. They will have an in-tutor competition the following week and the top two finalists from each group will complete in the



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NBA Spelling Bee finals for year 7 and 8 on Monday 27th June and Tuesday 28th June, respectively. All finalists will receive a prize. Please encourage your children by helping them to learn new spellings over the coming week. Mrs Chauhan our literacy lead will share the words with parents via group call early next week via the website.

Attendance Competition: We have launched an attendance competition with all tutor groups, with the most improved tutor group in each year winning a 'Cinema' experience with a selected film and popcorn provided for one afternoon in our very own theatre 😊. Parents please support us in ensuring that your children are sent to school even if they feel a little 'off weather' that does not constitute the need to keep children from their education. Single days of illness here and there accumulate quickly and place students into a category of 'Persistent Absence' which is a process then involving our attendance team, meetings on site, attendance agreements and then Fixed Penalty Notices and wider agency involvement for continued non-attendance. If you are having difficulty getting your child into the Academy and you feel you need more support, then please reach out and we will support you.

KS3 Homework and Homework Club (Years 7-9): We have relaunched our homework expectations please click on the following [link](#) for further information. We will also be launching KS3 homework club from next week. The club will be open from 3.20 – 4:15 in D13 every day ran by teaching staff to support with any homework queries.

The Brilliant Club: The Academy has signed up to be part of 'The Brilliant Club' programme. This Scholars Programme helps students develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to progress to the most competitive universities. Miss Blake will be leading on this programme and students in current year 8 and 9 will be identified to participate in the programme next year.

KS3 Brilliant Club: We will very shortly be launching our own NBA Brilliant Club for identified students in year 7 and 8 to participate in a range of activities aimed at stretching and challenging our most nimble minds. The topics will be wide and varied each week and letters to invited students will be sent home in the coming week.

Praise Cards: All staff have been provided with Praise Cards to reward students and for them to share with you so we can shout about their fantastic achievements. Their work will also be displayed in each zone as a 'Hall of Fame' so we can enable all students to see excellence and aspire to do the same.

NBA House System: To encourage better engagement, attendance, and an element of healthy competition, we will be launching a House system from September but will need to have names for our 'Houses'. Therefore, Miss Taylor will be launching a house naming competition shortly



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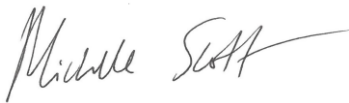
and we would ask Parent to support any student who wish to enter with creative ideas about how we can name the houses and maybe even artwork to match! 😊

Finally, I wanted to finish with some great news, our Sixth Form Dancers have had their routine selected to be performed at the E-Act student Talent showcase at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre in July. This is the first year we have entered and achieved a place in the prestigious final and we are thrilled for all involved!

I will be sending more updates in next week's letter.

In the meantime, have a fantastic and safe weekend.

Best wishes



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