

End of term letter – July 2018

Dear Parent/carer

Change is never easy but thank you for welcoming me in February and your overwhelming support. It has been a great year and I look forward to September.

Year 11 exams went very well and we look forward to some great results in August. Results day is Thursday August 23rd at 10am until 11am in the LRC for Year 11 and 11am-12pm for Year 10.

The third Year 8 graduation ceremony was fantastic and ably led by Mr Wright.

We have welcomed all our new Year 7 students in the second to last week of term. They settled in well and quickly adapted to life at the 'big' school.

Year 11 GCSE Enrichment

It is an expectation that ALL year 11 students attend ENGLISH, MATHS and SCIENCE, every week. The sessions will run from 2:30 - 3:30p.m and are as follows: -

- English – Monday
- Science - Wednesday
- Maths - Thursday
- All other subjects - Friday

We will launch a new enrichment timetable in September for all other extra-curricular activities.

Summer Holiday Breakfast Club

There will be a breakfast club ran daily from 9-11am at the Charwood Centre by Kinship Carers.

Uniform ordering:

If you have not already done so, please ensure you order your uniform directly through Trutex. For your convenience, a copy of the Trutex flyer is attached to this letter.

Uniform Reminders

Please ensure that you **have read** the student planner before you buy shoes and socks for the new academic year. A reminder that all shoes must be **PLAIN, BLACK and POLISHABLE**. A number of girls shoes have been creeping in with embellishments and gold accessories – please do not wear these in September otherwise a detention may be issued and **the expectation will be to wear a pair provided by the Academy**.

Any piercings/ false nails will have to be removed for the first day we return.

Attendance

The Academy attendance is currently 90.4%. This is well below the Academy and National targets. Students should have an attendance of at least 96% and above. **It is proven to have a significantly detrimental impact upon outcomes, if a student has attendance below 95%.**

Ormesby Olympics

A massive thank you to Mr Middleton who organised the first Ormesby Olympics. Students took part in traditional sports day activities in the morning and then the whole school had a variety of activities - including an inflatable assault course and carnival games in the afternoon.

Careers

I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved the National Quality in Career Standards that recognises the high standard of our careers provision. Massive thanks to Mr Roberts who has organised a multitude of career, college and employment experiences for your children throughout the year.

Leaving Colleagues

As is common at the end of term, we are losing a number of valued staff members, who are moving on to pastures new;

SLT:

- Mrs French – will be working with Mr Kirtley in a school in Hartlepool
- Mrs Pritchard – has secured a new job at another school
- Mr Roberts – moves to Acklam as an Assistant Principal

Teaching staff:

- Miss Graham – moves to a new school in Hartlepool
- Mr Middleton – moves to Acklam as an Assistant Principal
- Miss Metcalfe – moves to Acklam to work in their outstanding art department
- Mr Leach – secured a new post in Sedgefield
- Mr Liddicott – moves to Acklam to join the PE department

Support Staff

- Miss Higgins – has secured a new post in Richmond
- Mr Sills – has secured a new post in another school.
- Mr Spoons – returning to his studies at University to complete a teaching degree.
- Miss Rafferty – training to be a primary teacher
- Miss Rathbone – training to do business management
- Miss Sumpton.

Mrs Taylor went on maternity leave in April

Mrs Molyneux will be on maternity leave from September.

New Colleagues:

We are delighted to be welcoming a number of new staff to the Academy in September:

- Mr Smith – Maths / PE and Associate Vice Principal
- Mr O'Brien – PE and Assistant Principal
- Miss Nelson – Head of Humanities

- Mrs McGuire – Teacher of Art
- Miss Cavanagh – Teacher of English
- Miss Arundle – Teacher of Girls' PE
- Miss Bagley – Teacher of Maths
- Miss Razlouan – Teacher of MFL
- Miss Windross – Teacher of English
- Mrs McConnell – Teacher of English
- Miss Newton – HR Assistant
- Mrs Nash – 1:1 Tutor of English
- Mr Din – Cover Supervisor
- Mr Greaves – Teacher of Science

Future dates for your diary

Students return to the Academy on **Tuesday 4 September 2018** for a **prompt 8.25am start**. Please ensure your child arrives on time as punctuality has been an issue over the year.

Year 6 Open Evening **Thursday 13 September 2018** from **5:00pm until 7.30pm** – please share with parents of primary children.

We will host a Year 11 '**Tea with SLT**' parents evening on **Thursday 27 September 2018** from **6:00pm until 7:00pm**. A cold buffet, tea and coffee will be provided. The evening will start with a brief presentation from core subjects about the expectations of the GCSE examinations. There will then be an opportunity for parents to have individual conversations with the Senior Leadership Team about your child's targets and current attainment and progress predictions. Students will also receive a free bag of revision materials to set them up for the most important year of their academic lives.

The first full parent's evening will be on **Tuesday 6 November 2018**. This is for **all** year groups.

When we set the INSET days for the Academy for this academic year, we indicated that there was a Trust INSET day to be confirmed. This has now been confirmed as **Friday 23 November 2018**. Therefore, students will not be expected in school on this day.

Thank you for all your support in what we do. You are welcome to visit the school to see us in action at any time. Please contact reception for an appointment.
Wishing you a very safe and happy summer break.

Your sincerely,



Angela Sweeten
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