

Date 18th April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to welcome all students back to the academy for the summer term. It won't be long now until Year 11 have finished their GCSE's and we will be welcoming the new Year 7 group into school in July for a series of transition events. I am delighted to announce that the academy will be full in Year 7 this September for the first time in the school's history.

The next 10 weeks are incredibly important for our Year 11 students. The students are working hard and most are showing a level of commitment and maturity which is admirable and will lead to improved results. It is important that you as parents and carers are supporting your children and encouraging them to revise at home, eat well and get plenty of rest. At this stage of the year we would advise 2-3 hours of revision 5 days per week with plenty of breaks and rest in between revision sessions. Mr Wyss will write to Year 11 parents next week with more detail on how to help your child prepare for exams.

The academy has undergone significant improvements this year and these improvements have been confirmed by Ofsted when they visited us in November, by the DfE with two visits in December and March and through regular visits from the Local Authority. I would like to extend my thanks to all parents for your support so far this year.

However, the academy still requires further improvement. To ensure this happens, we are now launching the next phase in our behaviour improvement strategy **Ready, Respectful, Safe**.

All of our expectations in school can be covered with 3 simple rules; **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. The staff will be using this language with your child and I wanted to share with you my expectations and what this means.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Being **Ready** means being ready for school and ready for learning. As parents you have a responsibility to ensure your child is ready with the correct uniform, that they're ready by being well rested for school with a good night's sleep, being ready to be in school on time with the right equipment. It means attending school every day and arriving before 8.35am. Then once they are here they need to be ready to learn with the correct equipment and attitude.

Being **Respectful** is about all students having respect for themselves, each other and the community. It means listening to others rather than talking over them, keeping the environment and their work tidy, allowing others to learn without disruption or distraction and not taking things that belong to others.

Being **Safe** is about using the academy safely and being safe on the way to and from school. It includes practical things like running on the corridors and using physical force, as well as e-safety such as the use of social media, the safe use of the internet and cyber bullying.

The very simple reason for these changes is to create a safe and happy environment for all students and staff which enables the best possible learning to take place.

We will continue to make improvements over the course of the next term and I will write to you again soon to update you all on further developments.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Karl Mackey

Principal