

23rd May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to thank you for your support for the Academy over the past half term, remind you of the start date back for Half Term 6 and give you some more information on recent changes to our lunchtime offer.

## Half Term 6

School starts again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8:25am with our Library and Breakfast Club open from 7:50am. All students are to return on that day, we do not authorise holidays being taken in term times.

## **Lunchtime Offer**

The Academy is partnered with Taylor Shaw who provide our catering. They offer a broad menu including full meals, sandwiches, pasta pots and paninis. The menu and quality of offer has been much improved this year, with a greater range of healthy options. We have also added more space to our dining room with the creation of a new Mezzanine floor and the construction of a new catering pod and outdoor dining space in our quad. Finally, we extended the lunchtime this year to 40 minutes and put in place better queuing systems, meaning the average wait time is now around 10 minutes.

More students are now eating with us. We ask that parents please ensure that they have topped up on ParentPay for the cost of their child's meal. You can do this here:

## **ParentPay**

If you need any support with ParentPay please contact the Academy through the 'Talk with The Albion' function. You can do this here:

Talk with The Albion Academy | Contact Us | The Albion Academy

We know that at times parents can forget to top up so from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 we are capping our overdraft on ParentPay to -£5.50. This would allow a student to still have a meal if you forgot to top up. We will then send you an alert to remind you to top up. If the account was to go over -£5.50 we will have to temporarily freeze the account, but we will contact you immediately to resolve this in these circumstances.



Finally, we know that cost of living can be difficult. If you are struggling to pay for your child's meals, you may be entitled to Free School Meals through Salford City Council by clicking on the 'Free School Meals Forms For Parents/Carers' here:

Free school meals • Salford City Council

We can also help you apply for this if you need our support. You can do this here: Talk with The Albion Academy | Contact Us | The Albion Academy

Have a lovely half term break, we will see you again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8:30am.

Mathew Rogers

Principal