

21st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank you for the support that you have given the school over the academic year. I am looking forward to returning in September to bring about the improvements that the school community deserves. Our students are amazing and I keep seeing more and more evidence of this every day.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is paramount. We have been made aware that a protest against bullying will be situated outside the academy grounds tomorrow (Friday). This has caused concern for many within our school community. We have been strongly advised by the local police to close the academy on Friday 22nd July 2022. The local authority supports this decision.

Poor behaviour was also highlighted as a challenge in the Ofsted report published on Tuesday and in my letter to you earlier this week, I set out the actions we are taking – many of which are well underway – to address this issue as swiftly as possible. These measures include introducing new behaviour systems and bringing in senior personnel who are expert in managing behaviour. We have every confidence that these actions will have the desired effect and I hope that that is reassuring.

I have always believed that successful schools are the result of all members of the school community playing their part and acting as a team – students, staff, governors and parents. I know that together we will come through this challenging period and that I can count on everyone to help us do that.

Should you have any issues that need addressing urgently, please email hello@asa.hslt.academy.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful summer. I look forward to welcoming our students back in September 2022.

Yours faithfully,

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