26th August 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good break.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students at the start of the new term. To confirm:

- Years 7 and 12 start at 8:35 am on Thursday 8th September;
- Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 start at 8:35 am on Friday 9th September.

Students are expected to be on site, ready to enter school, at 8:35 am every morning.

As you know, I started as Executive Principal on Monday 11th July. Following the recruitment campaign for an Interim Principal, I am delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed Sarah Holmes-Carne for the academic year 2022-23.

I will remain as Executive Principal and Sarah will work closely with me during the academic year, providing essential capacity, expertise and leadership. In addition, we will be supported by central team specialists covering key elements of behaviour management, inclusion, SEND, curriculum subjects and operational management. This combined knowledge and experience will enable us to make the rapid improvements required in line with our academy action plan.

Our focus is to support and encourage our valuable staff, inspire our students and bring together our local community on our journey of improvement.

Following the publication of our recent Ofsted report, I would like to invite parents and carers to an information and discussion evening at 6.00pm on Tuesday 13th September. Sarah and I will present our action plans for improvement and give you the opportunity to ask questions and make any suggestions. If you would like to attend, please email Abbie Pinder by 4pm on Friday 9th September with the names of attendees including your child's name and form details (a.pinder@asa.hslt.academy).

This term, we are going to focus on the implementation of our new rewards and behaviour system so that we rapidly improve standards of behaviour in the school whilst promoting a culture of respect and kindness. As I have said in my previous letters, I have been so impressed with our students and the way that they have responded to being given some responsibility; they are polite, well-mannered and very welcoming to new visitors. We will continue to give them as many opportunities as possible so that they thrive at school.

Enjoy the remainder of the holiday and I hope to see you in September at our information evening.

Yours faithfully,

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