

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of this half-term, I would like to send a big thank you for your support. It has been a busy half-term with a large number of exams and revision sessions taking place, particularly over the last two weeks. Revision sessions take place through the good will of staff to go above and beyond, giving the students the best opportunities possible. I would like to thank them for all the additional hours they have provided again this year. The last day of term is Friday 22 May, and the academy will close at normal time of 2.40pm, then reopening at the normal time of 8.35am on Monday 1 June. There will be a number of revision sessions taking place over the May half-term holiday for Year 11 and Year 13 students and the timetables can be found [here](#).

### Principal Position

As detailed in my letter on Tuesday 31 March, I will be leaving the academy at the end of the Summer term. The Trust and Governing Body advertised the position and received a strong field, shortlisting four candidates. An assessment day will take place on site here at the academy on Wednesday 20 May, with further shortlisting taking place and then formal interviews at the Trust main building in Warrington on Thursday 21 May. Once the Trust and Governing Body are in a position to confirm the outcome of the interviews, parents and carers will be informed.

### Parent Governor

Thank you to the three nominations the academy has received for the position of Parent Governor. Details of an online election will be coming out later this week. There will be an option to vote online via a Survey link, or a paper ballot that can be sent into the academy. We will be asking for details such as email address and name of your child on each nomination to ensure that only parents/carers vote and that they only vote once to ensure a fair process. All three nominations include information on what they would bring to the Governing Body.

### You Said, We Did

Following our recent Personal Development stakeholder engagement survey, we were pleased to see that over 95% of parents/carers said they understood what our Personal Development curriculum includes, and more than 92% agreed or strongly agreed that it is having a positive impact on their child's development.

*You said:* Some parents/carers told us they were unaware that they could request information about all elements of the Personal Development curriculum or were unclear about how to access this information.

*We did:* In response, and in line with best practice and forthcoming changes to PSHE guidance for 2026–27, we will be consulting with parents and carers on updates to the Government's statutory curriculum content and our proposed approach to implementing these changes.



We hope this consultation will give parents and carers a greater understanding of what young people are learning, why these topics matter, and how the curriculum supports their personal development.

### Outcome of Parental Surveys

Thank you for all the feedback in the parent/carer surveys after the partnership evenings across the year. Over 94% of parents/carers would recommend the academy to other parents and all areas gave over a 90% rating in the responses. Thank you also for the written feedback, this has enabled us further conversations ready for next academic year such as reviewing the information provided on the Key Stage 3 reports.

### Standards (a regular reminder):

We firmly believe that students' education should not be hampered by a lack of equipment. Below is a list of equipment that is non-negotiable so that students can access their learning.

- A bag that can at least hold a PE kit, exercise books and equipment. Any bag that cannot hold these items is not a suitable bag
- Pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener
- A green and purple pen (provided by the academy)
- PE kit on those days they have PE. Students will be expected to borrow a kit if they forget their own

To make sure that the staffs focus can be on students' learning and wellbeing, can we please make sure that students return with the **correct** shoes and uniform. Students are not permitted to wear false nails, nail varnish, fake eye lashes or dye their hair an unnatural colour. Further information can be found on the uniform section of the academy website. There has recently been an increase in a number of students wearing fake eye lashes and nails which has led to them being taken out of lessons until these are removed. Please support the academy by making sure these are removed before your child attends.

### Return Dates

All students will return at the normal time of 8.35am on Monday 1 June.

I hope that everyone enjoys a restful May half-term holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr P. Willerton  
Principal

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