

Monday 12th October

Personal Development Week: Monday 2nd - Friday 6th November

Dear Student and Parent / Guardian,

From Monday 2nd - Friday 6th November, we will be holding our first Personal Development Week of the academic year. During the week, students in Years 7-12 will be taking part in a variety of activities linked to the Personal Development curriculum including: British Values, Careers, PSHE, and team building exercises.

The timetable for students in Years 7-12 will be suspended for the week, although they will still be taking part in Tutor Time Reading and the afternoon tutorial sessions. Also, no homework will be set during this week. **Students in Year 13 will be following their Week B timetable.** There will be no changes to the timing of the Academy day.

Each year group coordinator will be writing to you before the half-term holiday to provide you with specific details about the week but, as a brief outline, each year group will be taking part in the following:

- Year 7: Exploring 2020 through creative and performing arts and technology, plus a variety of team building activities. During this week, students should wear their Academy PE kit each day.
- Year 8: Healthy Lifestyles and Preparing for the World of Work. During this week, students should wear their Academy PE kit each day.
- Year 9: Exploring the concept of Human Rights through a variety of workshops.
- Year 10: Preparing for Success: core subject workshops in English, Maths, Science and RS plus a variety of careers-based sessions.
- Year 11: Preparing for Success: core subject workshops in English, Maths and Science plus a variety of sessions to help students make an informed choice about Post-16 education.
- Year 12: Preparing to Adult: a variety of workshops focusing on personal finance, mental health and healthy lifestyles.

We hope that students will develop a range of skills throughout the week and that they see it as a valuable learning experience. If you have any questions about the week once you have received further information from the year group coordinator, please contact them in the first instance. On Monday 9th November, students will once again follow their usual timetable, which will be a Week A.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Ian Hartley
Assistant Principal