

15th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carers



Can I start by thanking all the parents and carers of our students for the ongoing support you have given over the past couple of terms. The joined-up approach between, student, parent/carer and the academy enable the children in our care to be the very best they can be. We had a delightful evening this week welcoming back our Y13 leavers, and Y11, to collect their examination certificates; these evenings fill me with pride. Listening to the stories about how they are carving out fantastic futures for themselves is wonderful to hear and I have asked many to come back and talk to our younger students about fulfilling their dreams.

Leavers

There are, sadly, some goodbyes that we need to say at the end of this term:

- Two of our fantastic administrative team are retiring, so we bid a farewell to Mrs House and Mrs Manners. Between them have clocked up 16 years of service and have been an integral part of the smooth running of the academy. We wish them both all the best for the future.
- Nick Bennett has been supporting the delivery of Business Studies on a temporary basis whilst we recruit into this area. I would like to thank him for his continued support and wish him well for the future – he may well be back!

We have also said temporary goodbyes to: Mrs Harvey - who has just given birth to a beautiful baby girl and Ms Bawden – who has given birth to a beautiful baby boy. Both are doing really well and we wish the families a great Christmas.

Starters

We have welcomed some fantastic new staff in the last few weeks, and we look forward to working with them into the new year:

- Mr Stephen Mason – Teaching Assistant
- Mr Craig Marden – Teaching Assistant
- Ms Jenna Le Grice – Teaching Assistant/PE Technician
- Mrs Anne Hill – Receptionist
- Mr Sam Johnson – Performing Arts Technician
- Mr Adam Green – Science Technician
- Ms Claudia Ferrer – Teacher of MFL (maternity cover)
- Mr Lewis Knight – Teacher of PE/Health and Social Care (maternity cover)
- Mr Tobi Glendinning – Internal Reflection Supervisor
- Mr Terry Doyle – Teacher of Business Studies

We also welcome back Ms Hagan, Head of Science, from her maternity leave.

Mark Raymont has been recently appointed as Assistant Principal: Raising Standards and will be joining the senior leadership team in January. We wish him well in his new role and look forward to seeing his impact on the outcomes of our young people.

This term has seen some great achievements and the Academy newsletter can be found on the website with paper copies being distributed in the new year. I also hope you have enjoyed the parent Sway these last two terms keeping you up to date with all the fantastic news from the students.

I hope you all have a good Christmas break, for those that do, and I wish you all a very happy new year.



Lisa Boorman
Principal

