

Friday 27th March, 2026

Dear parents & carers,

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important dates and developments across the academy, as well as celebrate some of the wonderful achievements of our students.

The spring term has seen many moments of real joy and pride, as well as challenges that have affected our school and its community. We know that recent industrial action has been disruptive for many of our families, and we would like to apologise for the upset this has caused. We are truly grateful for the support we received during this period. I would also like to thank our teachers and support staff who have continued to offer support to our students during this time.

We are wholly committed to reaching a positive and lasting resolution that prevents any further industrial action and will of course keep you updated as to any further developments.

During the spring term, our students have seen many successes and continue to be a source of pride for the academy. Whilst you will find mention of some key achievements below, there are many more moments not captured here that are equally valuable and make it a privilege to work on behalf of this school community. Our students continue to shine, and we hope you will take as much pride in their accomplishments as we do.

Exams

Year 11 students will be undertaking their GCSE Languages speaking exams from 13th to 17th April, so we wish them well as they demonstrate their linguistic skills. Year 10 will be completing their mock examinations during the same period, from 13th to 24th April, which provides valuable preparation for their final exams next year.

We also have progress evenings scheduled for Year 7 on 21st April and Year 10 on 19th May, which I encourage all parents and carers to attend. Assessment weeks will take place for Year 8 from 11th to 15th May and Year 7 from 18th to 22nd May, ensuring all our younger students have the opportunity to demonstrate their progress and understanding.

Dates to remember

Year 11 GCSE language exams	13 th – 17 th April
Year 10 mock GCSE exams	13 th – 24 th April
Year 7 Progress Evening	21 st April



Year 10 Progress Evening	19 th May
Year 8 assessment week	11 th – 15 th May
Year 7 assessment week	18 th – 22 nd May
Year 12 Destinations Evening	20 th May

Celebrating our students

I am delighted to celebrate some exceptional achievements from our students. Our Year 10 boys football team won the 7-a-side town cup; a tremendous accomplishment that reflects their dedication and teamwork.

Beyond the sports field, our students also impressed us with their fantastic dance showcase, *Under the Sea*. They can be proud that their hard work and talent shone through, making this a truly magical performance.

Our students also enjoyed an excellent ski trip, which provided wonderful experiences and lasting memories for everyone involved.

Mobile phones

I must now address an important matter regarding mobile phone usage in school. We have seen a significant increase in mobile phone use, which presents genuine safeguarding concerns. I ask that parents and carers do not contact their children during the school day.

From Easter onwards, mobile phones must be turned off and stored away in bags. Sight of a mobile phone, or evidence of use during the school day within our grounds, will result in confiscation until the end of the day.

Parents or carers will be required to collect the phone in person and sign for it at reception; students will no longer be able to collect phones themselves. Beyond safeguarding, research demonstrates that the mere presence of a phone significantly reduces student concentration and application.

We are committed to creating a mobile-free culture, and I should mention that all our staff will be leading by example, through responsible phone use.

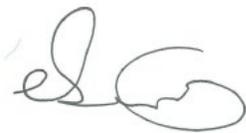
Communications procedure

I wanted to highlight an improvement to our communication procedures. To streamline our responses and ensure every enquiry receives timely attention, please direct all communications to enquiries@tscacademy.org.uk.

Messages sent to this address will be logged, directed through the appropriate channels, and followed up by senior leaders. I cannot guarantee that direct contact with individual staff members will be responded to or actioned, so I appreciate your cooperation with this process.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to staff, students and their families for continuing to make the Samworth Church Academy such a fantastic place to be.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish you a wonderful Easter break.



Carl Bennett

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