



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 24, 2025

As we approach the end of what has been a year of significant change, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your positivity and patience throughout this transformative time. Your support has been invaluable as we have implemented key changes to further improve our wonderful academy, and I am genuinely excited about the progress we have already made.

I am delighted to share that we are now able to expand our period 6 provision to all students in years 7 through to 11. This exciting development will enable us to build significantly on our already comprehensive wider curricular offer whilst also providing coordinated academic interventions specifically tailored for our year 11 students. This enhanced provision represents our continued commitment to ensuring every student has access to the opportunities they need to thrive. Students will have the opportunity to choose their activities on a first-come, first-served basis, with fresh selections available each term. For our Year 11 students, these sessions will provide coordinated academic interventions, with allocated Period 6 activities carefully tailored to reflect areas of greatest need based on current performance data, ensuring we boost their chances of success where it is most needed.

There have been many achievements to celebrate this year, and I am incredibly proud of our entire school community. Our year 10 boys football team's victory in the Town Cup was a fantastic achievement that showcased their dedication and skill. We were also pleased with our Ofsted inspection in May, which recognised the positive changes we have been implementing across the school. Throughout the year, we have been treated to many outstanding dance, drama, and music performances that have truly highlighted the exceptional talent within our academy. Our Summer festival was a wonderful celebration of our community spirit, and our awards evening provided the perfect opportunity to recognise the hard work and achievements of our students.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I want to inform you of several important changes.

- We will be installing bells over the summer to signal the beginning and end of each session, which will help improve the flow of our school day.
- The Restaurant will serve hot food only, and the Main Hall will serve sandwiches, snacks etc.
- Our modern foreign language provision will now focus on Spanish in year 7 and 8, providing students with a consistent and focused language learning experience.
- Progress evenings will be shorter next year, lasting for 2 hours from 3pm to 5pm. We have developed a more sophisticated and comprehensive reporting system that will give you a much more thorough overview of how your child is performing in each of their subjects.



- We have dedicated more curriculum time across the year groups for the study of maths, English and science, as we know that these subjects are critical in giving students the best possible start to adult life.
- In addition to these changes, you will recall from previous communications that we removed the second tutor session and added an extra five minutes to break time for all of our students.

Please note that our new school day will start at 8:30am, though we will open at 8:10am for students who wish to have breakfast. The school day will finish at 2:50pm, extending to 3:40pm on days when your child participates in their allocated period 6 activity.

The updated Academy day timings can be found [here](#).

#### First day back arrangements – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

- Academy opens at 8:10am
- Year 7 only, to the hall at 8:30am where they will be with their tutor and receive their timetable during an assembly that will last for 30 minutes. Staff will be ready to direct them to the right place, so please don't worry.
- Years 8-13 straight to tutor rooms at 8:30am to receive their timetable.
- Lessons start as normal from period 1.

#### Uniform and Equipment Requirements

- Shirt, academy blazer, academy skirt with tights or black trousers (not jeans or leggings)
- Black polishable shoes (no black trainers please)
- Academy tie
- Pen, pencil, ruler, bag, calculator
- Academy PE kit (academy shirt, academy shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms, academy socks and trainers)

Full uniform guidelines can be found [here](#).

Moving forward, please direct all communications to main reception or to [enquiries@tscacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tscacademy.org.uk). This will enable the appropriate staff members to answer you as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for your continued support and sincerely hope you all have a wonderful summer. I look forward to welcoming all of our students back on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Carl Bennett  
Head of Academy