



24th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of the academic year, I write to share some key information in advance of our return to school in September but more importantly to thank you for your continued support of the Academy.

As usual, this half term has seen lots of events taking place which has included Year 11 and 13 Leavers Events, Project Flavour Days, PSHE Days, Year 6 Transition, Sports Day, MAD Day and Awards Evening to name a few. There has been lots more taking place and we ended the year with a new event, our Decades Festival which was 90's themed. The event was a huge success and raised £1,650 for Academy+, we look forward to this being a new annual event. Please refer to the calendar and news section on our [website](#) for future events and important information.

Academy+

Students have been working extremely hard to raise funds towards the £50 challenge, you can read more about how some have achieved this [here](#). Please arrange to transfer any monies collected through the challenge to the Academy asap (if you haven't already) via the MyChildAtSchool app or hand it in to the Student Information Desk. Thank you to everyone who has supported all of the creative and enterprising activities that students have planned this year, we look forward to seeing the difference this will make to their 'Education Beyond the Classroom'.

Key contacts for next year

There have been some changes and movements in our staff teams from September that we would like to share with you, these are outlined below:

	Learning Manager (focus on wellbeing and pastoral issues)	Year Lead	Executive Team Lead
Year 7	Alex Noble/Hannah Crosby	Charlie Humber	Kaley Macis-Riley
Year 8	Cathrine Severn/Harriet Paterson	Jen Walker	Ian James
Year 9	Shannon Wilson	Stephen Rhodes	Dan Preece
Year 10	Mandy Reeks	Stacey Gatheral	Scott Allott
Year 11	Lucas Bingham	Becky Jephson	Chris Vallance
Year 12	Keshia Milne	Alice Brashaw	Laura Jones
Year 13		Rebeka Dunn	

Staff can be contact by email using their first name initial and surname followed by @tscacademy.org.uk e.g. jsmith@tscacademy.org.uk and further contact information can be found on our [website](#).

If your child has special educational needs, please note the following contact information:

Katie Hawksley – SENDCO	sendco@tscacademy.org.uk
The Progress Learning Centre	plc@tscacademy.org.uk
Health Team	health@tscacademy.org.uk

September return details

Students will return to school on a staggered basis on Wednesday 4th September at the following times:

Years 7 and 13	Breakfast available from 8am . The school day will start at 8.30am .
Years 8, 9, 10 and 11	Breakfast available from 9am . The school day will start at 9.30am .
Year 12	Breakfast and registration 8.30am .



All students should arrive by 8.30am on Thursday 5th September as per the [Academy Day](#).

We will be holding an enrolment session on Tuesday 3rd September between 2-3pm for students wishing to return in Year 12. Their induction day will take place on Wednesday 4th September.

Changes to Attendance Rules from September

From the start of the autumn term, the Department for Education will introduce a new framework for penalty notices for unauthorised absences. Five days of school missed can lead to a fine of up to £160 per child, per parent. This can be for unauthorised absence, term time holidays or coming into school more than half an hour late, further details can be found on our [website](#). We would like to emphasise the huge impact that good attendance has on your child's education and opportunities. We are always here to listen and assist if you are struggling to get them into school for any reason.

A Message from our Chaplain

It's the end of another year of growth and development at the Samworth Church Academy and we are looking forward with a lot of excitement for the opportunities and potential of the next academic year, but it's also a time to reflect on those things that we are looking to develop and improve, always wanting to be the best we can be.

At the end of a year, I ask three questions of our students and I wonder if I may ask you the same thing in order to start a reflection process.

High – What has been your standout moment of the last few months, it could be a personal achievement, a fitness goal smashed or a difficult challenge that you have overcome.

Low – What has been your biggest challenge of these last few months, and how are you dealing with that challenge?

Hero – Who is your Hero, is there someone in your world that you really appreciate the help or support of.

John 10:10 Peaks of a life in all its fulness that Jesus came that we may experience, not meaning of course that everything will be easy for us, but that we may learn to live well even in the face of challenges.

Finally, can I thank you all again for your continued positivity and support. Our students continue to demonstrate our Values in everything they do and to be a credit to us all. We hope you and your families have an enjoyable break and we can't wait to welcome our wonderful students, as well as some new students back after the summer holiday!

Yours faithfully

Lisa McVeigh
Principal