



1st April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of yet another busy term, it is important to recognise and praise all of our students for their achievements and efforts and our Rewards Events this week have done just that! We continue to provide support where it is needed and would encourage you to contact us if your child is struggling, or there is anything we can do to help them. We know that for Year 11 and Year 13 they may be feeling the additional pressure of exams that are approaching for them and want to help in any way we can. A reminder of the key contacts for your child:

	Learning Manager (focus on wellbeing and pastoral issues)	Year Group Recovery Lead (focus on academic recovery and progress)	Executive Team Lead
Year 7	Louise Bailey	Simon Harper	Maria Fletcher
Year 8	Cathrine Severn/Hannah Goodwin Mon & Tues/Weds, Thurs & Fri	Stephen Rhodes	Ian James
Year 9	Harriet Paterson (temporary)	Scott Allott	Carl Bennett
Year 10	Lucas Bingham	Georgina Beckwith	David Broomhead/Geoff Mills
Year 11	Mandy Reeks	Dan Preece	Chris Vallance
Sixth Form	Alison Pass	Brett Goacher	Laura Jones
Staff can be contact by email using their first name initial and surname followed by @tscacademy.org.uk e.g. lbailey@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:

Mr Cave – SENDCO	
Miss Hawksley – Assistant SENDCO	sendco@tscacademy.org.uk
The Progress Learning Centre	plc@tscacademy.org.uk
Health Team	health@tscacademy.org.uk

Events this Term

Although we maintain some routines that have protected students and staff from the spread of Covid-19 and therefore we have avoided having to close to students in any year groups, it has been pleasing to see some more 'normal' school activities taking place this term. Examples are the Project Flavour and PSHE Days that have aided students' understanding in how to be healthy in life and in their relationships in a variety of ways, the wonderful school musical production of 'Beauty and the Beast', a Year 7 and 8 performance about Magnetism just this week and, of course, our glamorous and somewhat quirky Awards Evening! We will continue to keep an eye on the changing covid situation and do all we can to prevent it spreading in our school community, but we also hope that a return to more of this wider curricular activity that we are so proud of and committed to can continue.

Covid Measures

You will be aware that the government has removed remaining restrictions in England from today and have outlined [next steps for living with Covid](#).

Routine testing is no longer advised and free testing for the general public has now ended. From today, guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with others until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Children can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

The in-school Covid-19 vaccination programme has now ended. 12 to 15 year olds will still be able to access the vaccine outside of school, at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk-in centre. Healthy 5 to 11 year olds will be offered the Covid-19 vaccine from the beginning of April and parents will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

We will continue to review our risk assessment as usual in line with any future changes to guidance. Ongoing measures that will remain in place will include appropriate cleaning regimes, ventilation, continued promotion of good hygiene 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' and to wash or sanitise hands regularly.

Uniform

The majority of students look extremely smart every day and we regularly receive positive comments about this from visitors and local community. There are occasions where things can start to slip, especially towards the end of term when children tend to outgrow uniform or it shows sign of wear and tear. We would therefore ask you to check your child's uniform during the break so that when they return, they are in full uniform. Students should bring a bag to the academy, as this is a good learning habit, and ensures that they always have a pen, pencil, ruler and their learning journal (planner). Students in years 7, 8 and 9 should also bring a reading book with them to school each day. Please refer to the [parent handbook](#) for further information.

Attendance and Behaviour

As part of our drive for continuous improvement, we will be sending letters to parent/carers to inform you of the current attendance/behaviour of your child. The letters aim to increase awareness and form a stronger working partnership with our families.

We work hard to support good student attendance. We expect all students to achieve the minimum standard of 95% attendance throughout the year. Talking to your child about school and contacting us with any concerns are simple ways to promote good attendance. If you or your child is anxious or concerned, please get in touch with our attendance team or your child's Learning Manager and we can discuss your worries in more detail and provide any reassurance you need.

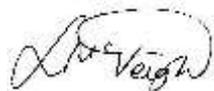
Satchel One

As we move into the summer term, may we remind you that key pastoral information for your child is available via the Satchel One app. Please contact the academy if you require any help or support to gain access to Satchel.

Finally, can I thank you all again for your continued positivity and support. Our students have again shown such resilience and have been 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 back for the summer term!

Yours faithfully



Lisa McVeigh
Principal