

20th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This half term has felt like one of the busiest this year as we saw a continued focus on exams for Year 11 and Year 13 students followed by their leaving assemblies and events. As we continue to rebuild our offer of wider opportunities moving further away from the pandemic, below is a flavour of some other events that have taken place this half term;

- Careers Trip
- Geography Trip
- Sports Day
- Sixth Form Taster Sessions
- CCF Camp
- Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions
- Year 6 Transition Days
- MAD Day
- Awards Evening
- Year 8 Project Flavour Day
- Plus a variety of sporting fixtures

MyChildAtSchool – MCAS App

Thank you to those of you who have already downloaded and are using the new parent app. If you haven't managed to do this yet, we urge you to do this as soon as possible. The app will provide you with notifications which will reduce the number of emails you receive in your inbox and you will be able to see information about behaviour events, homework and more features will be rolled out soon. We were hoping to start using the payments feature from September, however it is not quite ready yet so we will continue to use Wisepay for the time being and will provide you with an update during the autumn term. As you know one of the main reasons for the change is to improve communications between the Academy and home and we firmly believe that you will see clear improvement through using the MCAS App. As always, we are open to feedback and if you do experience any problems, we have a dedicated email at bromcom@tscacademy.org.uk for you to get in touch with us.

Information Technology Discount

Dell UK are offering up to 20% discount for students and parents on laptops, desktops, monitors and accessories. If you are interested, please visit their [website](#) and enter the code X4P6GH and your email to receive your voucher code.

Dining at the Academy

Recently we have noted some feedback from a few parents who have been unsure about what food we offer and what is on the menu to help you plan at home. We are extremely passionate about the quality of food we provide and ensuring all students receive wholesome and nutritious food which is varied. Our menus work on a four week rotation and you can view them on our website [here](#).

School Day

A final reminder for you about the changes to the school day from September, there will be a single start and finish time for all students (8.30am-3pm). Students will be able to arrive from 8am and have a free breakfast and the new day will see tutor time and breaks return which were two of the key areas

raised through consultation and feedback from students, staff and parents/carers. If you feel these arrangements will cause you any particular issues, please get in touch and we will see what we can do to support you.

Due to the additional INSET Day on 5th September, students will return to school on Wednesday 6th 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.

We will be holding an enrolment session on Tuesday 5th September between 1- 2.30pm for students wishing to return in Year 12. Their induction day will take place on Friday 8th September.

Message from our Chaplain

Somebody stop the ride; I want to get off... I don't know about you, but I certainly experience the feelings of needing to slow things down a little, to reset or to just pause and think, even my watch tells me to take time to stop and breathe. For many, this is the perfect time for doing just that.

I have been a drummer for longer than I care to remember and as such am acutely aware of the importance of rhythm, the need to keep a steady tempo and shift the dynamics when the music demands it. I want to encourage you over the summer to take a little time to reflect on your life rhythms. Is the tempo a healthy one for you or do you need to correct the pace a little, do you need to alter the dynamics, bringing down the noise level of the world around you? The constant news and barrage of information can be very loud, or maybe you need to shift things up a gear and try something new, something that brings a renewed sense of hope and joy. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reads;

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens"

Make sure that you don't neglect the season of rest in favour of the perceived productivity of busyness.

Yours faithfully



Lisa McVeigh
Principal