

24th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The exam season is now fully underway for students in Years 11 and 13. Their attitude towards their studies and the fantastic manner in which students are approaching their exams is wonderful to see and we wish them all the best of luck for the remainder of their exams. Thank you to the staff who have been putting on extra revision sessions and of course, to all at home for the support, testing and cups of tea you will be providing behind the scenes! I am sure all this effort and diligence will pay off.

Ofsted

Following a recent Ofsted monitoring visit that took place on 27th March, the findings have now been published and are available to view [here](#). We are pleased with the findings and believe they are a fair reflection of where we are currently.

Important Changes

To continue our drive to improve standards, last week we held assemblies with all year groups to clearly explain expectations outside of lessons. There is now a Corridor Behaviour Pathway to support students with making the right choices, you can see this information [here](#) on our website. I am pleased to report that already it has led to an improvement in behaviour outside of lessons. We will continue to monitor this to ensure all students are practiced at meeting these expectations as they will need to later on throughout their working lives. We are very grateful for your support and for how our wonderful students have responded to these changes this week.

Punctuality

We have also seen an improvement in punctuality, and we would like to thank students and parents for their efforts. As a reminder, all students must arrive through the main entrance no later than 8:30. After this, even 8:31 is late. Staff on the entrance will clarify if there are any mitigating circumstances (e.g., car broken down), but parents must confirm this directly by phone or email. We are aware of the ongoing road works around the area that may cause delays but ask that students take this into account when planning their journeys.

Term time holidays

The Academy will not authorise any absence during term time for family holidays. Should you choose for your child to have 3 days/6 sessions or more of unauthorised absence, your decision may incur a fixed-notice penalty (fine) of £120 per child for each parent with parental responsibility (even if not living with the child), this reduces to £60 per child if paid within 28 days. Penalty notices can also be issued for low attendance or continuous lateness resulting in a child missing learning.

Events

This half term has seen lots of activity as usual, including the following events:

- Year 10 Mock Exams
- Year 10 and Year 12 Progress Evening
- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 11 and 13 Examinations
- Year 7 Project Flavour Day
- Year 7 Visits to the School of Artisan Food
- Year 12 Destinations Evening
- Young Leaders Food Bank Collection
- Round Square Conference in South Africa



On 5th July students will be taking part in our annual Making a Difference (MAD) Day, please keep an eye out for more information on this after the break.

Due to the announcement of the next general election taking place on 4th July, this is the same day we had planned to hold our annual awards event therefore we have decided to move this to 11th July.

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](#). For those who haven't managed it yet, don't worry there is still plenty of time to get creative as the target date to raise funds has been extended to the end of the summer term. For more information about Academy+ or to make a donation, please visit our [website](#).

MyChildAtSchool – MCAS App

It is important to make sure that we have accurate contact information and records for your child, including medical information, and that you notify us of any changes. You can do this quickly and easily through the MCAS app in the 'Data Collection' menu. Please note that when changing or adding medical information you will need to click submit changes in that section and again at the top of the page once completed. If you are struggling and need help, please get in touch or email us at bromcom@tscacademy.org.uk.

Message from our Chaplain

It's around 5pm on Wednesday 22nd May and we see a podium appear at the front of number 10 Downing Street. Just a few moments later we see a rather soggy Prime Minister of the nation delivering an important message about the upcoming general election on 4th July.

In the book of Luke, Jesus shares a story of a man who is beaten and robbed as he was traveling. Several people ignored the man at the roadside, and they were those who would have been expected to help. Later a man arrived at the scene and did stop to help. This was a man whose culture and heritage were very different to the victim's, in fact there was huge racial tension between those people groups represented by these strangers. Yet it was the stranger from another land that helped get the victim back on his feet by giving immediate help and support as well as financial assistance in paying for the necessary treatment.

The story, of course, is the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about how we treat one another; it is about the fact that our neighbour is not just the person that lives on the same street as you and I, but it is all of those we encounter, regardless of race, colour, religion, sexuality and even political view. In a time where many will want to polarize opinion and sow division, we need to continue to treat those around us, no matter what their view, with dignity and with respect. Let's be the best neighbours we can be.

Finally, can I thank you for your continued positivity and support. We hope you and your families have an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 3rd June.

Yours faithfully

Lisa McVeigh
Principal