

13th October 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are getting closer to the last week of the half term and the nights are drawing in and mornings are a little darker. The weather also suggests that autumn is most certainly here.

Wow Moments in School this Week (All Parents/ Carers)

The Wow moments for this week are below. Well done to everyone involved.

- Leon R in Y11 has produced some excellent work on hydrocarbons and alkanes.
- Secondary-aged students have heard about Black History Month in assembly this week. We also have some role models displayed on screens around school.
- Thank you to all parents who came along to our mental health coffee morning this week for World Mental Health Day.
- Well done to Paisley in Reception who has been nominated for a wow moment for simply being a ray of sunshine.

Attendance Initiatives (All Parents/ Carers)

We will be launching a range of attendance initiatives next week. Some of these offer immediate sweet rewards whilst others are more long term. Students should keep an eye out for these early next week.

Half Term Vouchers - FSM (All Parent/ Carers)

Vouchers for half term for children entitled to Free School Meals have been slightly delayed but will be issued next week prior to the holiday break. Parents should note that INSET days are not funded and that 3 of the days during this half term break are INSET days.

Parental Feedback (All Parents/ Carers)

The academy does not have a facebook group. We are aware of a parent one and liaise closely with parents as part of this. Disappointingly, we are hearing reports of some things posted on this group which don't necessarily link to the picture in school. Particularly around the number of concerns raised around bullying this year.

Our concern is that it would appear there are more concerns raised on this group than are raised to us in school. The ability to raise concerns is included in this update weekly (below). Please can parents make sure we know, before posting on any social media.



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There is an infographic to go out with this update which has our records of data from this year and last. We are sharing this to be transparent with all parents.

Reporting Bullying or Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

If any parent/ carer needs to raise a bullying or pastoral concern, there is a link on the website to do so. I review each concern raised, and staff are then allocated to deal with them. Simply click on 'Menu' and under the 'Parents' heading choose 'Raise a concern' or [click here](#).

Uniform Consultation (All Parents/ Carers)

You will receive a uniform consultation questionnaire on Monday. The consultation is open for two school weeks and closes on the Friday after half term.

Our intention is to make uniforms cheaper and to remove some of the barriers to learning. Your vote really does matter.

We will consult with staff and students at the same time.

No decision has been made on any uniform changes. We are at the consultation stage only.

And finally...

A second reminder that we close for 2 weeks for half term on the 20th October 2023 and reopen on the 7th November 2023 at 8:40AM.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Cooke
Headteacher