



23rd September 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

### **Study Hall and Enrichment Fair**

It has been a great week at the academy. Study Hall is continuing to be well attended and students are also becoming involved in enrichment opportunities. Today we held our Enrichment Fair. Please take a moment to ask your child if they attended and encourage them to get involved in our wider offer.

### **Student Leadership**

Student leadership is also well and truly back in action. It was a pleasure to meet Miss Grimmer this week and hear about the important role our Subject Ambassadors, Prefects and Event Team members are taking on this year, alongside the Prom Committee and the latest Eco School developments. The Event Team raised £1200 through the Summer Fair and will use this to launch future events, alongside supporting student ideas to improve the academy. It is a really exciting time for this aspect of the academy and demonstrates the responsibility that our students want to take on.

### **Year 7 Settling in Evening**

Our Year 7 Settling in Evening was a success. Thank you for your feedback on the evening, which we use to help us improve. There was some lovely feedback which I enjoyed sharing with the Year 7 leaders including *"it was a lovely informative evening which answered many of my questions"* along with positive feedback about our form tutors. Well done to our Year 7 team for putting together such a great evening! If you were unable to attend and have any questions, please get in touch with our Year 7 team or contact the relevant member of our staff using the [Denes Directory](#)

### **New Wolsey Theatre Company Performance**

Year 7 and Year 8 students enjoyed performances in the hall this week from the New Wolsey Theatre Company. We were impressed with the high standards displayed by our students who were a quality audience showing respect throughout.

### **Open Evening 2022**

Open Evening takes place on 29th September 2022, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm and we look forward to welcoming all prospective parents to the academy to see what we have to offer. Unfortunately, this does mean that there will be no after school clubs or Study Hall sessions on this date, however all other events will take place as normal next week.



## Attendance Matters

To help raise the profile and value of attendance and how this affects your child's progress, it is important we try to consider the following in our conversations at home:

- Talk about the importance of showing up to the academy every day on time and make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the academy day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.
- Refer to the Health Protection Agency Guidance on Infection Control in Schools/Academies and other Childcare Settings.
- Further details on these and the health recommendations can be found in our [attendance guide](#).

## PSHE Focus

- Year 7 Health and wellbeing, transition and safety, focusing on sleep.
- Year 8 Mental health and wellbeing, focusing on types of bullying.
- Year 9 British Values, proud to be British.
- Year 10 Physical and health related decisions: blood, organ and stem cell donation.
- Year 11 Next steps, process for applications to college, part time work permits.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully



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Principal