



March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**Year 9 Parents' Evening – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm - 6.30pm**

I would like to update you that our Year 9 Parents' Evening, being held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm, will be continuing to go ahead. This is a highly valued part of the Academy calendar, which gives you the opportunity to discuss academic progress with your child's teachers, and discuss their targets for the coming months. These parent meetings are even more important than normal as Year 9 students are about to finalise their GCSE Options and we would like families to have all the relevant information to make these informed choices.

As you are aware, we have had high levels of staff absence this week but are hoping things will be returning to normal towards the end of the week. As a precaution we are putting the following measures in place to support staff and families:

- We are asking for face covering to be worn by staff, students and visitors in all areas of the school, unless exempt.
- All visitors, including students, should use the hand sanitisers provided at the sign in desk and on entry to each classroom.
- Parent meetings will be held in classrooms to reduce overcrowding. There will be a maximum of 10 people in each room at any one time.
- Ventilation in classrooms is still recommended to increase air flow.
- The Academy continues to follow a one-way system and we would like parents and families to follow this as they move around the building.

It is usual for our young people to make their own appointments with the teachers and they have each been given an appointment sheet which they will complete directly with the relevant teachers. We would encourage you to meet with as many subject teachers as possible, including their tutor. If you have not been able to make appointments due to remote learning, please email your child's teacher directly or students can make appointments during their live lessons remotely over the next few days.

There will be members of the Resilience, Behaviour and Standards teams, the Head of Year team and the Senior Leadership team for you to talk to, should you wish. The dark evenings are now upon us and the site and surrounding area will be busy during the evening. We would ask you to take extra care when parking and entering the site, and park with consideration to our neighbours.

I appreciate this update may cause some concerns, and I thank you in advance for your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation. Please be assured that the Academy is continuing to do everything we can to protect the health and wellbeing of our staff, students and wider community. We do hope that you will be able to attend and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Evans  
Vice Principal