



14th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come towards the end of another fantastic half term here at the Academy, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

At the end of this half term, we are sad to say goodbye to Vice Principal, Paul Trainor. Paul has been with us for 2½ years and in that time, has made a great impact on the Academy. We will be very sorry to see him leave.

I am however, delighted to welcome our new Vice Principal for Culture and Ethos, Sarah Murdoch. Sarah joins us from The Telford Priory School and has been in the Academy for two days a week since the start of the half term, in order for there to be a smooth transition, so your children will already be familiar with her.

Attendance

Please note that your child's attendance in school has an enormous bearing on their final GCSE results. A child who has 90% attendance over their 5 years at MHA will miss half a full school year of learning. This obviously has an impact on their subject knowledge. ***Please support your child's academic progress and ensure they have full attendance.***

Uniform Standards

Please find enclosed a reminder of our uniform standards. As you are aware we have a zero tolerance policy with regards to our expectations surrounding school uniform. We do, however, appreciate that ties go astray, items are damaged etc., therefore students will now be able to loan missing uniform items from our Student Desk. We ask that they leave an item of their belongings with Student Desk in return, as a reminder for them to return the loaned item to student desk at the end of the school day.

Mobile Phones

We are seeing an increasing number of students attempting to use their mobile phone in school. I appreciate that they are now an essential everyday item, however they are not allowed to be used in the Academy. Mobile phones should be on silent and kept away during the school day. Any student found using their mobile phone on site will have their phone confiscated and they will need to collect this from my office at the end of the school day.



First Day Back Arrangements

Students will return to the Academy after the half term break at **9.30am on Monday 24th February**. Breakfast Club will therefore start at the later time of 8.30am. There will be form time and assemblies up until morning break. During form time, uniform checks will take place, therefore please ensure your children return to school with the correct uniform (as per attached guide) and their MHA 6 – bag, planner, pen, pencil, ruler and their new MHA water bottle. *Please note, the 9.30am start is for the first day back only; from Tuesday 25 onwards, Breakfast Club will commence at 7.30am and students are expected to be in their form room for 8.40am.*

Lunchtimes

We have made a few changes to the times of lunches, which will be in effect from Monday 24th February. We hope students will welcome these adjustments as it will give them a chance to sit and socialise together and there will be further opportunities for lunch activities.

Please see the enclosed flyer for full details of these changes.

I wish you an enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Green
Principal

