

Friday, 17th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a positive few weeks at TCA and I've really enjoyed seeing the start (and hopefully not the end) of the warmer weather over the last couple of weeks. With start of GCSE exams, it's been a busy time, especially for our staff and year 11 students. That relentless focus on keeping the main thing 'the main thing' – ensuring that students are targeting the right things as we enter this period – has been great to see. Here's to a positive exam season!

Attendance

As usual, I'll start with attendance. We continue to work very closely with a range of parents to ensure that we can support them to improve their children's attendance. We will always look to support wherever we can, so please do ask if you need any help with this. A continued massive thank you to all those who are doing everything they can to ensure that their children are present every day.

Examinations

All parents/carers have had information about the forthcoming GCSE examinations. Students must attend, on time, and ready to give their very best. If any parents/carers need support or guidance on what they can do in the period of preparation, please contact Mrs Crowther, Year 11 Student Manager by email. There are also excellent resources available at <https://shorturl.at/deESO>.

Year 11 arrangements

With exams coming thick and fast, it remains important that all year 11 students are benefitting from every session they can to help them succeed in their exams. Study leave does not start yet, and will not do for some weeks. Students must, first and foremost, be in school every day. Their first priority when in the Academy is to attend all examinations. Their second priority is attending all pre-exam revision sessions. If they have none of these for particular sessions, they should attend all timetabled lessons until they are told otherwise. Please ensure your child keeps attending well; it is an important period and maintaining good routine is key to that.

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Revision sessions

In addition to the above, there are a range of revision sessions being offered to year 11 students at the moment, including Saturday School and Pizza and Coke Nights. Please ensure that your children are attending all sessions to which they are invited, and ask if there is anything else your child needs.

Community safety

Given recent events in the local community, it's more important than ever that students are making safe decisions around their personal safety. With the half term break coming up, we have been working with all students to talk to them about making good choices, passing important information on where appropriate, and about looking out for themselves. Please underline these messages at home.

Half term break

A reminder that TCA closes for the May half term holiday next Friday (Friday 24th April) at 3pm, and reopens at 8.30am on Monday, 3rd June.

Have a great week for half term when it arrives. I can't believe we'll be into the final couple of months of the year when we return – it's flown by!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton
Headteacher

