

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Attendance

We have had another positive week with whole Academy attendance for the week at 95.25%. Thank you for your support in this huge priority by making sure you book appointments outside school hours, supporting your children to get in on time and working closely with us to alleviate any worries. Promoting good attendance is one of the most important things a parent or carer can do to support a child's education.

Year group	Overall
7	98.42%
8	96.44%
9	94.82%
10	92.73%
11	93.57%

A huge well done to Danyaal S (year 10), Cassy H (year 10) who have made a great start this year.

### Friday absence

Attendance on a Friday is historically lower than the rest of the week, and this is the case again this year. Missing 20% of your child's weekly education is a huge concern and we will be in touch where we identify worrying patterns with students' attendance.

### 48-hour rule for sickness

When staff have been discussing students' absence with families, they have been mentioning the reason for absence is a '48-hour rule' after illness. To be



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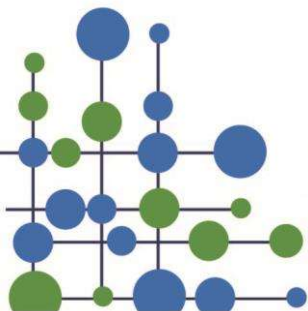
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clear, we do not have such a rule. When students feel better, and where they are able to, they should be attending every day. If a student feels unwell whilst they are here, we will be in touch with you around next steps.

### **Communication with staff**

It can often be frustrating for parents/carers when they cannot get through to the TCA Reception on the phone. These are often very busy, particularly before the Academy day or early in the morning. Wherever possible, please communicate with us by email. More often than not, your child's Student Manager is the best point of contact. These are detailed below:

<b>Year 7</b>	Miss Nurse	Annie.Nurse@sharemat.co.uk
<b>Year 8</b>	Mr Wilson	Ben.Wilson@sharemat.co.uk
<b>Year 9</b>	Mr Garside	Matt.Garside@sharemat.co.uk
<b>Year 10</b>	Mr Young	Jamie.Young@sharemat.co.uk
<b>Year 11</b>	Mrs Crowther	Rachel.Crowther@sharemat.co.uk

### **KS4 transition**

Year 10 have just completed their first two weeks in key stage 4. During these weeks they have received lots of key information from their teachers including assessment frameworks and course information. They also participated in a successful enrichment day which included a careers fair from local colleges. As part of the transition event, students received a welcome pack which will help equip them in their next two years. We look forward to seeing the continuous efforts put in by year 10 students.

### **Open evening and INSET day**

For those parents/carers with year 5 or 6 children, please come and visit our annual open evening. This takes place in a couple of weeks, on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September between 5pm and 8pm. It is likely to be a busy evening and always creates a real positive buzz around the Academy. Additionally, we are holding open mornings on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September and Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. If you would like to book on, please email [Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk). I would be proud to be able to walk you round our school and show you how a 'normal' day operates.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Burton**  
Headteacher

