

Tuesday, 7th July

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has only been around four weeks since I last wrote to you, but we've dealt with heat waves, strange World Cup kick off times, ice cream vans, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, year 10 mock exams and the end of year 11 GCSEs. It has certainly been a busy few weeks!

Attendance

As we come towards the end of the year, I want to say a huge thank you for your support in ensuring that students' attendance at TCA is much better than it was last year. As you can see, all year groups have done great work in improving things. We want to push further next year and ensure that 95% of our students are above 95% attendance. We need your help and support to do this.

Year group	2024/25	2025/26
7	93.6%	95.7%
8	91.8%	93.3%
9	89.1%	93.0%
10	90.0%	90.8%
11	90.9%	93.9%
Overall	91.1%	93.3%

Year 10 mock exams

Well done to year 10, who did a superb job of their mock exams. Teachers are working hard to mark these so that your children find out how they did before the summer holidays. Their attitude towards these – working hard, being nice – was great to see. Their maturity as a year group was impressive.

PE kit – hot weather

As the temperatures are likely to be around 30 degrees between Wednesday and Friday, students will be allowed to wear either their uniform (without a blazer or tie) or their TCA PE kit for the next three days.



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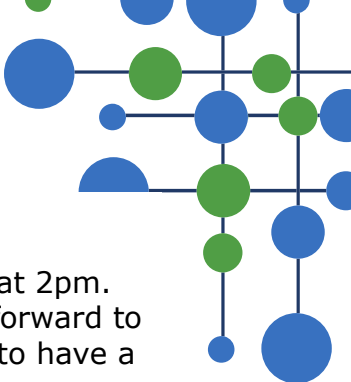
Sports Day – Monday, 13th July

Students and staff are excited for our annual sports day, and rightly so! Those who are competing can wear PE kit for the day next Monday. Field events will be in the morning and track events (with the whole school out watching) will take place in the afternoon.

Uniform

Our uniform expectations are very important and will not change. Please support your child by ensuring that he/she wears the correct uniform every day. I thought it might be helpful to remind you of this if you are shopping in the next few weeks ready for September. If you are struggling with uniform items, please contact your child's Student Manager – we are always keen to help families to make sure your children have the right uniform.

Uniform item	Notes
Academy tie	Available on Arbor, at TCA or from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury for £5
Academy blazer	- Available from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury - Must be worn on corridors at all times
Black trousers	- Full length trousers must be worn - Not leggings, jogging bottoms, tracksuit bottoms, jeans, cycling short or jersey material - Not skin-tight fit - Trousers must be tailored and not shiny or stretchy
Black skirt	- Must be knee length - Not stretchy/jersey material - Must be worn with black tights
Black socks	Must be worn if wearing trousers
Black shoes	- Not trainers or pumps - Converse, Vans or anything made by a sportswear brand are not allowed
Salwar kameez	- If the neck is visible, a shirt and tie must be worn - Must be black or dark blue with no patterns
School bag	- Essential item – not negotiable - Must be big enough to carry PE kit, books and equipment
Jewellery	- One ring - One small bracelet - One necklace (worn under the shirt)
Make up and piercings	- One small stud or sleeper in each ear - One small nose stud (not in the septum) - No tongue piercings - Discreet make up - No false nails or false eyelashes



End of term – Friday, 17th July

We break up for summer next Friday and students will be leaving site at 2pm. Term starts again at 8.30am on Wednesday, 2nd September. We look forward to working with you all, again, for another year. That said, it will be nice to have a rest before that!

Year 10 work experience

Another dose of praise for year 10 as they start their work experience journey this week. From delivery drivers to warehouse operatives, from childcare workers to teaching assistants, our students are out learning what working is all about! We've had some great feedback so far.

Benedict's Law and nut allergies

In September, all schools must comply with new laws around allergens in schools. Information about this is at the following link ([Benedict's Law - Benedict Blythe Foundation](#)). At TCA, we have a student joining in September with a serious nut allergy. Please ensure that you do not send *any* items with your child for either snacks or lunches which contains nuts. Please also be mindful of this when preparing your child's meals and snacks for school.

I hope you have a wonderful summer with your family, friends and loved ones. Your support for what we are doing with your children is something we take really seriously, and it's not something we take for granted. Whilst we might not agree on absolutely everything, I know we all want the same thing: for your children to be happy, healthy and achieving great things.

Be nice. Work hard.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton
Headteacher