

Friday, 8th October

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support last Thursday – we had a record number of visitors to TCA, to see what we do at our Open Evening. It was great to see over 400 people and the feedback we've had so far has been brilliant. We look forward to meeting the Class of 2027 in September, and if anyone wants to visit us for a personal tour or to join one of our Open Mornings, please email TCA.Transition@sharemat.co.uk or call Reception. Please do spread the word!

Attendance

Year 7 = 97%

Year 8 = 94.1%

Year 9 = 96%

Year 10 = 94.3%

Year 11 = 94.7%

Please remember that our Academy target is 97%, and most people have made a hugely positive start – well done! We need to see an improvement from year 8 and year 10, but a huge congratulations to the following students who have made *massive* efforts in improving their attendance:

- Daniel C Year 7
- Ibrahim S Year 8
- Corbon Lee H Year 9
- Ayaan P Year 10
- Kyle J Year 11

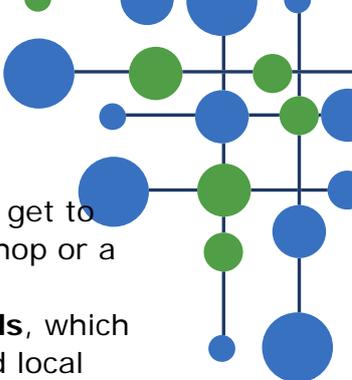
Personal safety

Following reports of students being intimidated by local residents, and as the nights get longer and late afternoons get darker over the next few weeks, we have held assemblies to remind students about their personal safety. When issues have cropped up, I've been so impressed with students' maturity in dealing with the situation, but please do reiterate these points to your child:

- If they are being harmed or feel they are at risk of immediate harm they **must** dial 999
- If something illegal is happening, they **must** dial 999
- If they have witnessed something illegal but it's not currently happening and are not at current risk, they should ring 101
- Students should walk to school in groups of two or more where possible and stick to main roads so they're visible

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- If students encounter danger on their way to school, they **must** get to safety as soon as possible, whether that is home, TCA, a local shop or a trusted friend/neighbour's house
 - Parents/carers should **park considerately and not block roads**, which creates hugely dangerous situations for students, other cars and local residents

Lateral flow testing

A reminder for those students who have given consent that they should still be testing for COVID-19 twice weekly using lateral flow tests. We would advise that these are completed on Sundays and Wednesdays, and these are intended to identify asymptomatic cases of the virus which would, otherwise, go undetected. Whilst students may have very mild symptoms, should this be passed on to someone more vulnerable, it could be highly dangerous.

Home Learning

This year, our expectations around home learning have been changed. Information about this has gone out to students and parents/carers, but should you need a reminder of these, please navigate to the Home Learning section of the TCA website.

Communication with the Academy

Please do ensure that you have downloaded the MyEd app, which is now active for all students. It is also so important that you ensure we have your current mobile phone number.

Installing the My Ed app is easy. It is available for both Apple iOS and Android devices. Just follow the instructions below.

Step 1 - Go to your App Store

Step 2 - Search for My Ed

Step 3 - Download the Free app and search for Thornhill Community Academy, WF12 0HE

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton
Headteacher