

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term! I hope that everyone has had a good Easter break, and was able to take advantage of the weather to relax, recharge and spend time with friends and family. It's straight back to business as usual at TCA, and as year 11 approach their exams in the next few weeks, it's as busy a time as ever!

### Attendance

Attendance was disappointing for the final couple of weeks of term, and we need to work together to improve things. As I write this on Tuesday morning, attendance for the whole Academy was 96.1% yesterday and is 94.8% today. Whilst these are an improvement, and a better start to term, they're still below our target of 97%.

The ABC of what we do at TCA – attendance, behavior and curriculum – are built on the solid foundations of every student turning up every day, on time, ready to learn. Please remember that absence should be avoided unless in exceptional circumstances, and minor illnesses and ailments can be dealt with in the Academy. Wherever possible, appointments should be arranged outside of school time. Should you need any support with your child's attendance, please contact us directly.

### Uniform

Uniform standards remain high, and we will be in touch with you should your child not meet the expectations. There are still one or two issues with skirts which are too short, so please be reminded that you should consult the images in the Student Planner for an appropriate length of skirt. Should you need help with items of uniform, visit <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>, an amazing charity who provide free uniform to families in the local area. If you need any help with any item of your child's uniform, please get in touch with us and we will be happy to help.

### Closure – next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

A reminder that the Academy will be closed next Monday (Bank Holiday), Tuesday (an extra day that all schools have during the year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee) and Wednesday (a staff training day). We will close on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April and reopen to students on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Contact details – please keep us updated

When did you last give us your up-to-date contact details? Have you changed your mobile phone number recently or moved house? It's vitally important that we have multiple, current contact numbers for every student in case of illness or emergency.



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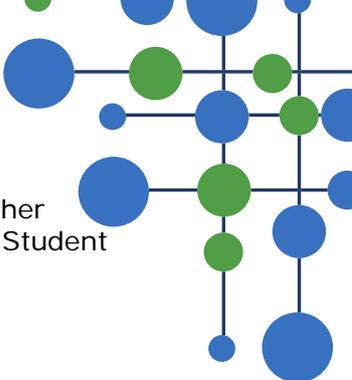
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If you're unsure, please contact us via the app with details for yourself and other appropriate relatives. Alternatively, you can write these details in your child's Student Planner.

### **Dictionaries for all year 7, 8 and 9 students**

As part of our drive to improve students' literacy, we have purchased dictionaries for all students in Key Stage 3. They will be very valuable in lessons and will support the learning of all students. Dictionaries will be handed out in assemblies over the next week and will become part of basic equipment which is expected in every lesson.

### **Mr Collins – Deputy Headteacher**

Mr Collins, our Pastoral Deputy Headteacher, will be leaving us at the end of this half term. He is moving to Shelley College and, whilst we will miss him very much, we are all excited to work with Mrs Ali, who will be joining us in September from Brigshaw High School.

### **Eid Mubarak**

Finally, to all those celebrating, please accept my very best wishes for the forthcoming festivities. Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating – I hope that you share a special time with friends, family and loved ones.

Here's to a really positive half term, and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Burton  
**Headteacher**