

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Before anything else, please let me start by praising your children after the first week back. Since arriving back on Tuesday, they have done a great job of getting back on track after the six-week break. It's been a pleasure to walk the corridors and bask in the breaktime sunshine and I've been really proud of them doing exactly what we ask: be nice and work hard.

### Attendance

Our 'ABC' of success at TCA – excellent **A**ttendance, excellent **B**ehaviour and excellent engagement in **C**lassrooms – is built on students' attendance. The Academy target is 97% and we expect students to attend every single day. Minor illnesses can be managed in school by our pastoral and medical team. Students can only achieve if they attend, so please work with us to ensure that your children are here every day.

### Year 7

A huge congratulations to year 7, who have approached their first week at secondary school with hunger, confidence and maturity. They have dealt with busy corridors, have helped each other in getting around a much bigger, less familiar building and have done a great job in starting their TCA learning journey. Thank you to all parents/carers for their supporting in helping this to happen.

### 'Old' Year 11 outcomes

Whilst the national picture and overall progress are still to be determined – and will be published in October – students have done brilliantly well in all measures, even considering their enforced gaps in face-to-face education through two periods of COVID-19 lockdown. It was a great privilege to see them opening their outcomes a couple of weeks ago, and to hear of their successful next steps.

### Year 11 Revision Evening – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October

More information about this will be sent directly to the parents/carers of year 11 in the next couple of weeks, but please do mark your diaries for our annual evening. Staff will give parents/carers lots of information about how to support your child through this crucial, pivotal year and will be able to find out about excellent revision habits, supporting your child's wellbeing and specifics from subject teachers.

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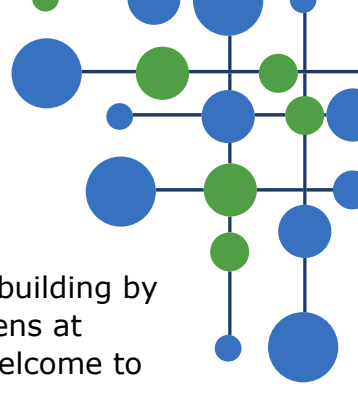
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## Academy Day – Breakfast Club

The Academy day starts at 8.30am, and all students should be in the building by 8.25am. However, we have a completely free breakfast club which opens at 8am. Students should not be arriving on site before this, but are all welcome to attend breakfast club and set themselves up for the day.

### Contact details

If your contact details have changed over the course of the holidays, be that phone number, email address or postal address, then we need to know about it. We should have three contacts for all students, so please make sure that this is the case. If you need to update your details, please email your child's Student Manager at the address below:

Year 7	Miss Nurse	<a href="mailto:Annie.Nurse@sharemat.co.uk">Annie.Nurse@sharemat.co.uk</a>
Year 8	Mr Wilson	<a href="mailto:Ben.Wilson@sharemat.co.uk">Ben.Wilson@sharemat.co.uk</a>
Year 9	Miss Downs	<a href="mailto:Lauren.Downs@sharemat.co.uk">Lauren.Downs@sharemat.co.uk</a>
Year 10	Mr Young	<a href="mailto:Jamie.Young@sharemat.co.uk">Jamie.Young@sharemat.co.uk</a>
Year 11	Mrs Crowther	<a href="mailto:Rachel.Crowther@sharemat.co.uk">Rachel.Crowther@sharemat.co.uk</a>

### Open Evening – Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

Our annual open evening will be held in three weeks' time and we look forward to welcoming families of primary students who are interested in what we do and how we work. Please spread the word!

### INSET day – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September

Advance warning that the day after open evening is a teacher training day and the Academy will not be open to students.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the (promised) sunshine. I will be spending time celebrating a great first week at school for my three children (in between taking them to football, netball and dancing) and I might even find 30 seconds to relax! Whatever you are doing, enjoy the first rest of the academic year.

A great start, well done to everyone!

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Burton**  
Headteacher