

Dear Parent/Carer,

The first few weeks of the year have brought every season – icy rain, blistering sunshine, gale force winds and even a couple of hailstones – but it's been a really positive start. Thanks for playing your part in making it so.

### **Attendance**

Overall attendance for the year so far is around 94%, which is below our TCA target of 97%. As Autumn term progresses, we will find more students with coughs, colds and minor illnesses. It's really important that when your child's ailments can be managed in school, that they are. Missing a day of education might sound like it isn't a problem, but it equates to a great deal of missed lessons and your child missing out on really important information. To discuss supporting your child's medical needs, please contact either the relevant Student Manager or Mrs Elsegood, by email.

### **Year 7**

Year 7 continue to impress us all. Their attendance, behaviour and effort in classrooms is great to see. A letter will be going out next week about our year 7 settling in day, where parents/carers are encouraged to make an appointment to chat to your child's Form Tutor about their progress so far.

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

A reminder about this event next week, about which year 11 parents/carers have been written to. It is a very important evening so please do make every effort to attend (and come along early for a buffet)!

### **Intervention for Year 11 – Period 7**

All year 11 students are expected to attend lessons after school from 3.00-3.45. This is an excellent opportunity to plug any gaps in learning and these sessions are compulsory. Sessions in English, Maths and Science in Week A started a couple of weeks ago, and option subjects are in Week B.



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Every week, your child will receive an individual timetable for Week B, so they attend the most important sessions based on their current need. Please support your child to attend these very important sessions.

### **Non-uniform charity day – today**

We are currently in the middle of a non-uniform charity day, raising money for Save the Children in light of natural disasters and bloodshed across the world. I am so, so proud of the way our students and wider community have come together to take positive action to help vulnerable people who are living in dreadful situations across the world. My thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected.

### **Vacancy on the TCA governing body**

If you're keen to get involved in the running of TCA, we'd love to hear from you. We currently have one vacancy for a parent governor. It's a very interesting role which gives you a unique insight into the strategic and operational direction of your child's school. Please email [Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk) for more details or to register your interest.

### **Open Evening**

It was great to see so many current and prospective parents/carers a couple of weeks ago. Whilst open evening is important, what we do every single day is a more clear depiction of what TCA is all about. If you, or a friend or relative, wants to book onto one of our open mornings to walk around the Academy and really see us in action, please check the details on our website.

As ever, thanks for your support. It's been an incredibly busy, but positive, start to the term. Your support is really important in making sure we keep moving forward in the way we are.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Burton**  
Headteacher

