

## Dear Parents and Carers

You may have seen this article in the news this week, where a parent was prosecuted for, in part, shouting at a school teacher, which resulted in a tragic outcome.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/04/29/school-worker-collapsed-died-parent-shouted-staff-court-hears/>

This extract is very relevant:

'He pleaded guilty to using threatening words and behaviour towards three staff members.

'York magistrates sentenced him to 18 weeks in jail plus a further eight weeks, citing his breach of a community..'

There have been one or two instances recently that necessitate me writing in this way. Whilst I understand how much we all care about children it is a timely reminder that certain acts of aggression should not, and will not, be tolerated. We will not accept aggressive interactions or emails. We are here to listen and help, but I do need to protect the staff who work here and the students. If the circumstances demand it, we will resort to banning parents from the school site and consider reporting such activities to police.

We are all role models for our young people and we need to show them dignified ways to respond to even the most challenging of situations.

I am always very impressed with those young people and their parents who are clearly frustrated, but know the correct way to behave if they want a matter resolved positively.

**Liz Furber**  
Executive Principal

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I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. I'm sure the glorious weather will have added to the pleasurable experience.

Many years ago, there was a trend for telling jokes that started: 'Confucius says' ... followed by something particularly silly like ... 'man who walk in front of car gets tired, man who walk behind car get exhausted'. People were, of course, referring to the Chinese teacher and philosopher who lived around 500 BC. Not only would he probably not have told jokes, but he also wouldn't have spoken in silly broken English! One of the thoughts he did write, though, was 'Learning without reflection is a waste. Reflection without learning is dangerous'. During the Easter holidays it was a personal joy to see our new Reflection Centre delivered onto the site, where the first part of that quote became apt. The building arrived in five sections, each on the back of a large lorry which had to negotiate the tricky contours of our site. It took well over an hour to get the first section into a position where it could be lifted into place. With everyone reflecting on the process and learning from the experience, the next four pieces took far less time to put in situ.

As most of you will know, the Reflection Centre is dedicated to the memory of Ethan and Josh Houghton, who were tragically killed, alongside their mother and a friend, in August 2016 on their way back from holiday. At the time of their deaths, and whilst trying to support family and friends through this difficult time, we realised that there was no truly appropriate space within the Academy to allow this to happen. The idea of a separate building grew partly out of this and, as a Church School, we also believe it is right to have a space, away from the main building, that provides the opportunity for quiet reflection. I know that in assemblies at the start of this term, students were asked to reflect on what they have achieved over the past three years, a time that the two boys never got to spend with us in the Academy.

Whilst the building will be completed by the middle of May, there is much work to be done on developing the space around it. We have the area of a garden clearly defined but need to develop it into something that is equally beautiful and tranquil. If anyone has any particular gardening expertise, or knows of organisations that might help us, please do get in touch with the Academy.

**David Fraser**  
Chair of Governors

### Visiting the Academy

Safeguarding the students in our care is of paramount importance and with this in mind we have reviewed our safeguarding processes and implemented a system which limits access to the Academy site. Reception staff will help you in every way they can, but please bear in mind that this will be within the constraints of this system.

We ask that if you need to speak to a member of staff, your first point of contact is either on the phone or by using our dedicated parent email address [parentcontact@asadunstable.org](mailto:parentcontact@asadunstable.org) as anyone without an appointment will not be given access to the site. A list of expected visitors for the day is kept at Reception but should you have an appointment that has not been logged, we ask that you are patient with staff while they confirm that you are expected before giving access.

If you have let us know that your child has an appointment or we are sending them home for any reason, Reception will be made aware and add you to the list of expected visitors. You can let us know in advance of any appointments, either by phone or our dedicated parent email address. If you have had to make an emergency appointment, give us a call before you arrive as this will also allow us to arrange for your child to be waiting in Reception.

If your child has forgotten an item for the day ahead, it may not always be necessary to drop it in.

**PE Kit** – students are able to borrow PE kit. There is a range of sizes and it is washed between each use.

**Dinner Money/Packed Lunch** – the easiest way to add money to your child's card is through ParentPay, our online system, but the Academy does provide a 'snack pack' at lunchtime for students who have not eaten during the day. 'Snack packs' consist of a bread item, eg croissant, brioche, waffle, a packet of crisps and a bottle of water which will see them through until they get home. If you have to bring money/lunch in, it will be collected from you at the gate by a member of staff.

**ID Card** – although this is an important item, it does not need to be brought in for the day

**iPad** – although this is also an important item for the day, staff plan their lessons so that students who do not have an iPad, or one whose battery has run out, are still able to fully access and take part in the lesson. This item does not need to be brought in for the day.

**Locker Key** – Student Reception staff are able to open students' lockers if they need access to items left in lockers, therefore keys do not need to be brought in.

**Trip Letter/Payment** – trips can also be paid for via ParentPay but if you do not have a login contact the Academy for your username and password. Permission slips can be sent to you via email and, once completed, emailed back.

This new system will reduce the daily traffic in and out of the Academy and help to ensure the safety of your children.

### Exams

Our Year 12 and 13 students are hard at work putting in the final preparation for their summer exams which start in May. There are intervention sessions being run after school, plus in school interventions and webinars in place to help with the final push for grades. We wish all of our students the best of luck in their exams!

### New Uniform Supplier

From September 2019, we will be changing our uniform supplier to Prestige who are based in Flitwick. Up until this time parents/carers should continue to purchase uniform through our current supplier, Best Look, while their stocks last. If you find that an item is not available through Best Look, please get in touch with Prestige. Their flier for All Saints Academy is on the right.

Prestige will offer an online ordering service as well as a shop where you are able to try on and purchase items. Prestige are fully aware of our high expectations in regard to uniform standards and will only sell you items that meet these standards, as per our instructions; we ask that parents/carers support us and our supplier with maintaining these expectations.

If you have a child joining us in Year 7 in September 2019, uniform will be provided by Prestige who will be present on the Year 7 Welcome Evening with samples to try on. More information will be available on the evening.

**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY**  
Uniform List 2019

**Boys Black Blazer Fully Lined**  
Embroidered School Badge.  
32"-36" £27.00 each  
38"-42" £33.00 each

**Girls Black Blazer Fully Lined**  
Embroidered School Badge  
32"-36" £27.00 each  
38"-42" £33.00 each

**White Long Or Short Sleeve**  
Top Button Shirts Or Blouses.  
Non Iron Twin Packs  
Starting From £12.00 a pack

**House Tie**  
Only Available In School.

**All Saints Academy Boys Trousers Must Be Black.**  
**All Saints Academy Girls Trousers & Skirts Must Be Black & Have Embroidered Logo.**  
**Skirt Length Must Be To The Knee.**

**Boys Standard & Slim Fit**  
Black Trousers.  
All Trousers, Have Waist Adjusters & Belt  
Starting At  
£14.50 pair

**Girls Standard & Slim Fit**  
Logo'd Black Trousers  
(Waist Adjustable)  
22"-28" £14.00 pair  
30"-36" £17.00 pair

**Girls Straight Black**  
Logo'd Skirt  
(Waist Adjustable)  
22"-28" £14.00 each  
30"-42" £18.00 each  
Available Lengths  
20, 22 & 24"  
**MUST BE TO THE KNEE**

**PE Kit**  
Uniform Available INSTORE OR ONLINE.  
Home Delivery Available Free Of Charge  
On All Orders Over £28.00

**Unisex Sports PE Polo Shirt**  
Embroidered Logo.  
26/28 - 34/36" £12.00 each  
36/40 - 42/44" £13.00 each

**Unisex Reversible PE**  
Games Shirt.  
26/28 - 34/36" £18.00 each  
36/40 - 46/48" £17.00 each

**Black Sports Socks**  
Starting At £4.00 pair

**Unisex PE Shorts**  
24/26 - 28/30" £7.00 pair  
32 - 40" £8.00 pair

**Prestige Design & Workwear Ltd**  
45-48 High Street  
Flitwick, Bedfordshire.  
MK45 1DX

OPENING HOURS:  
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 10.00am - 5.00pm  
SATURDAY: 9.00am - 12.00pm  
SUNDAY: CLOSED

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE BEHIND SHOP.

T: 01525 716558  
E: sales@prestigedesignww.co.uk  
Website & Online Orders:  
www.prestigedesignww.co

### Uniform and Equipment Standards

Our full Uniform Policy can be found on the Academy website but below are regular areas where our expectations are not met and we would ask parent/carers to ensure students arrive at school with the correct uniform:

- Blazers to be worn at all times
- Ties to be worn at all times
- School shoes to be worn
- Skirts should be of the correct length and of the approved style bearing the Academy logo
- Trousers should be of the approved style and bear the Academy logo for girls
- Students should not have false nails or extensions and they should be of a neutral colour

Students should arrive each day ready to learn and with all the equipment they need for the day. iPads are used throughout the day during lessons and, therefore, should be brought to school every day, fully charged and ready to use. Stationery is also an essential part of the school day and students should bring at least basic stationery items to school, ie black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber. Stationery is available to buy from Student Reception either as single items, handy 'top up' packs or fully stocked pencil cases.

Another essential item is your child's ID card which gives them access to the Academy building, printing and catering facilities. If your child has lost their ID card, they can purchase a replacement from Student Reception.

Please get in touch if you need any advice or support with ensuring your child is fully equipped for the school day.

### Young Carers Event



On 24th April, we held a Young Carers event at All Saints for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. 30 students were invited and 27 attended. The purpose of the event was to do something fun and student led to help build up a support network for the Young Carers of All Saints so

they feel supported, and to show that we recognise the impact that their roles may have during their time with us. The feedback was very positive and they have given us a few ideas about what they would like for the next event.



Anita Herd



Central Bedfordshire

**Need support with  
Special Educational  
Needs or Disabilities?**  
(SEND)

#### Are you:

- A child or young person (age 0-25)?
- A parent, carer or family member of a child or young person?
- A professional who looks after a child or young person with SEND?

The SEND Local Offer website has all the local services to help

Find out what is on offer from Central Bedfordshire Council at  
[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/SEND)

### JOB VACANCY

#### Exam Invigilators

Casual Contract - Term time only

£8.29 per hour

At All Saints Academy our vision is "Living Well Together with **Dignity, Faith and Hope**". We strive for excellence in all that we do, enabling our students to transform their lives and to hope for happy and successful futures. Our vision translates into our everyday practice and our values are particularly relevant in ensuring all in our community are encouraged to strive for excellence.

We are looking for enthusiastic, hard-working and reliable colleagues to assist with the examinations provision within the Academy. The role involves working closely with the Examinations Manager to invigilate exams, including mock exams and end of year exams, in addition to all public exam sessions.

This post is an excellent opportunity for someone who enjoys flexible hours, as hours will be dependent upon Academy needs and on an as and when basis.

Previous experience within an educational setting is desirable, however this is not essential as training will be provided.

For further details or to request an application pack, please contact Tammy Jones, HR Assistant or download an application form from our website [www.allsaintsacademydunstable.org](http://www.allsaintsacademydunstable.org)

The Academy is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and all job offers are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks.

### Applying to Sixth Form

If you are in Year 11 and are still unsure of what you plan to do next year, please talk to Mr Miller or Mr Lee and they can talk to you about what the Academy can offer and if it will be a suitable option for you next year.

**Simon Miller**

Assistant Principal - KS5

### Looking Ahead

Tuesday 7th May  
Year 11 Study Workshop Evening  
Monday 27th May  
Half Term  
Thursday 13th June  
New Year 7 Welcome Evening  
Wednesday 19th June  
Year 8 Girls HPV Immunisations  
Thursday 20th June  
Year 11 Prom