

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year and the autumn term – though the weather for once has been better than it has been all summer!

The students have returned with a positive attitude and we are excited to see them all settling in with renewed determination to be the best they can be!

We have already had our first 'Feeling Safe' Day and I am pleased to say 96% of our students said they felt safe all or most of the time. Heads of Year are running 'Feeling Safe' groups every Wednesday lunchtime to work with our students who do not yet feel safe all of the time.

Last Tuesday we had the NSPCC return to audit our work on safeguarding since last year – they were very complimentary and could see how much we had put in place.

More from me in a few weeks in time for our end of month newsletter. A heartfelt welcome to our new parents/carers and we look forward to meeting you at our meet the tutor evening on Wednesday 27th September.

Best wishes

Liz Furber

Executive Principal

Canteen

Our new caterer, Dolce, started at the beginning of term and we hope that the students are enjoying the new menus, which are available to view on our [website](#).

As well as main meals, grab and go items, cakes, fruit and a variety of drinks, there is also a meal deal option where students can choose two items from a set range of items:

Item 1: A main meal, which includes grab and go items of the day, sandwiches/baguettes, as well as the main meal of the day.

Item 2: A dessert choice from tray bake style cakes, flapjacks, fruit **or** a small bottle of water, but not both.

Cups of water are freely available in the canteen every lunchtime for any student needing a drink.

If students wish to buy food in the canteen, they must have enough credit on their account to cover the cost; the canteen are not able to let students overspend on their accounts.

You can check your child's balance through Edulink and, if needed, top up with cash at Student Reception or online through ParentPay, which is our preferred option.

Looking Ahead

20th September
School Photographs

22nd September
Y11 Geography Field Trip

27th September
Meet the Tutor Evening

20th October
INSET Day
(Academy closed to students)

23rd—27th October
Half Term

Academic Calendar - 2023/2024

School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	Training Day
September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
Mon 4 11 18 25	Mon 2 9 16 23 30	Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 4 11 18 25
Tue 5 12 19 26	Tue 3 10 17 24 31	Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 5 12 19 26
Wed 6 13 20 27	Wed 4 11 18 25	Wed 1 8 15 22 29	Wed 6 13 20 27
Thu 7 14 21 28	Thu 5 12 19 26	Thu 2 9 16 23 30	Thu 7 14 21 28
Fri 1 8 15 22 29	Fri 6 13 20 27	Fri 3 10 17 24	Fri 1 8 15 22 29
Sat 2 9 16 23 30	Sat 7 14 21 28	Sat 4 11 18 25	Sat 2 9 16 23 30
Sun 3 10 17 24	Sun 1 8 15 22 29	Sun 5 12 19 26	Sun 3 10 17 24 31
January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024
Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 5 12 19 26	Mon 4 11 18 25	Mon 1 8 15 22 29
Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 6 13 20 27	Tue 5 12 19 26	Tue 2 9 16 23 30
Wed 3 10 17 24 31	Wed 7 14 21 28	Wed 6 13 20 27	Wed 3 10 17 24
Thu 4 11 18 25	Thu 1 8 15 22 29	Thu 7 14 21 28	Thu 4 11 18 25
Fri 5 12 19 26	Fri 2 9 16 23	Fri 1 8 15 22 29	Fri 5 12 19 26
Sat 6 13 20 27	Sat 3 10 17 24	Sat 2 9 16 23 30	Sat 6 13 20 27
Sun 7 14 21 28	Sun 4 11 18 25	Sun 3 10 17 24 31	Sun 7 14 21 28
May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024
Mon 6 13 20 27	Mon 3 10 17 24	Mon 1 8 15 22 29	Mon 5 12 19 26
Tue 7 14 21 28	Tue 4 11 18 25	Tue 2 9 16 23 30	Tue 6 13 20 27
Wed 1 8 15 22 29	Wed 5 12 19 26	Wed 3 10 17 24 31	Wed 7 14 21 28
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