

19th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an incredibly busy and exciting time at the academy as we prepare for our annual timetable promotion on Monday 26th June. Miss Shardlow has written to all students, parents and carers and a reminder of her letter is Letter to Parents 12th June 2023 should you require it. Additionally, we continue to raise awareness with our Diversity Week in school and Thursday 22nd June is a non-uniform day. Students have organised activities and there will be a cake sale so all students can bring in some pennies and enjoy those treats! Year 12 have started their exams today and we wish them all the best during their assessment period.

Attendance and entry/exits to the school site

We are committed to providing education of the highest quality and recognise that this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent attendance for all. It is a fundamental right for all children to receive an education and in order to maximise the impact of this we need every child in school, attending lessons and making the most of their time here. I wish to draw your attention to some slight changes that will enable us to maintain the highest standards and expectations.

Every student in Years 7-11 is expected to be on the school site by 8.50am every morning and they will enter via the Bishop's Refectory gates located on Church Drive. These gates open at 8.30am to ensure everyone can access the site safely and on time. If any student arrives later than 8.50am, they must still access the school via these gates and not via the top of the leisure centre car park, unless there is a prior arrangement to do so. If they are late then their name will be taken and they will receive a lunchtime detention that day, unless there is a valid reason for not being punctual. This change will take effect from Monday 26th June and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child understands this change and the importance of punctuality.

Also from Monday 26th June we will be changing how students exit the school site at the end of the day. In the interests of offering safe routes of movement to students the gate at the top of the leisure centre car park will no longer be used as a student exit. Instead, students can exit the site through the Bishop's Refectory gates or the gate next to the Humanities block, both exiting on to Church Drive. Students catching the bus will continue to access the bus bay via an alternative route around the site. We will remind students of these messages throughout the week.

The raised car park next to the library will continue to be for staff only and there is a traffic movement restriction in place at the start and end of the school day. Vulnerable students will be able to exit the school via the student reception providing there is an agreement in place for them to do so.

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It is tremendously busy at the start and the end of the school day and we have seen a serious accident recently involving one of our students. We would ask that all parents and carers choose safe drop off points away from the school entrances to allow all students to access and exit the school in a calm and safe manner.

As a polite reminder, there is an INSET day on Friday 23rd June and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on site on Monday 26th June, ready to begin their new timetables.

Yours sincerely

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