

Dear Parents/Carers,

The New Year is well and truly underway and Yr 11 students are in the final months of their compulsory formal schooling. There are now only 58 teaching days until the first external exam. A full intervention programme has been sent out including sessions during Tutor time, at lunchtime and after school. Please support your son/daughter by reminding them about the intervention sessions they are due to be attending and supporting them with knowledge learning and memory recall.

### **Forthcoming dates**

Parental communication is very important to us and we aim to publish dates and events as early as possible at the start of the year. Occasionally, we can see the need for an amendment and when this is in the best interest of the students we will make a change.

With that in mind, please note a change to the following calendared Parents' Evening and Study Support Evening.

The Year 9 Study Support Evening on January 31<sup>st</sup> has been deferred. This is for two reasons. Firstly, we feel this information and guidance would be better placed in May when we can talk to you more in-depth about support for your child over the summer and going into Year 10. Secondly, the evening would have fallen just two weeks before the Year 9 Parents' Evening on February 14<sup>th</sup>, which would have meant two visits to the school in very close succession and we are always mindful of the many commitments our parents have.

As a result of this change, the Year 8 Parents' Evening will now be on March 7<sup>th</sup>. For your information and clarity, please see the list of confirmed dates for the Parents' Evenings and Study Support Evenings scheduled for this year:

- Year 9 Parents' Evening: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 7 Parents' Evening: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- Year 9 Study Support Evening: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

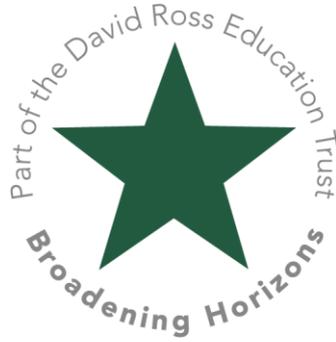
All Parents' Evenings will now formally begin at 5pm. Where a member of staff teaches the whole cohort there will be an opportunity to meet from 4pm. This will be communicated to your son/daughter and through a letter specifically about the relevant Parents' Evening.

Thank you for your understanding, we hope to see you on the above dates, as they are valuable opportunities to discuss your child's progress with the academy and receive essential revision materials and advice.

### **Uniform**

Thank you for your continued support with uniform standards. I feel very proud when I am standing at the gate of the smart manner in which our students present themselves. With very few exceptions, they wear our uniform correctly and look very smart indeed.

In an effort to support all our students wearing the correct uniform we are opening a 'Boot room' from Monday. Students who arrive without the correct uniform will be asked to go to the Boot room in the Pastoral building and will



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borrow the appropriate item of uniform at the start of the day. They will then return the item at the end of the day and then will rectify the issue that evening. Repeated issues regarding uniform will be sanctioned. Should you have specific issues regarding your child's uniform, please do contact your child's form tutor to discuss this.

Just a reminder about piercings, please do not allow your child to have piercings anywhere other than a single stud in each ear lobe. Other piercings are not allowed in our uniform policy and students will be told to remove them.

We have high expectations of your child's behaviour whilst at the academy and so from next week, if your child is removed from a lesson for poor attitude or unacceptable behaviour, they will be expected to attend a lunchtime pastoral detention the same or next day depending on the time of the remove to reinforce our expectations. Failure to attend will result in an after school SLT detention on a Friday, from 3:15 to 4pm, after which you will need to arrange transport home for them.

#### **Student Successes**

Both the U16 Boys & U16 Girls Table Tennis teams won the Zone Finals of the National Schools Table Tennis Championships over the weekend and have advanced to the Regional Round which takes place in February. Both teams finished the first round unbeaten, seeing off competition from schools in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk & Suffolk.

The girls are current National Champions and are looking to retain their title for the second consecutive year. We are very proud of them.

Last week saw the Scholastic Book Fair in Charles Read Academy and students engaged very positively, buying great books such as *The Hunger Games* and the *His Dark Materials* trilogy. Reading has so many academic and personal benefits so well done to everyone getting their noses stuck into a book!

I look forward to meeting you at one of the forthcoming events,

Yours sincerely

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