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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Chelsea Academy Evacuation

I am writing to give you an update following the evacuation of the Academy today. At around 10.55 am we received a hoax bomb threat and, following police advice, evacuated the building to Westfield Park. The police responded quickly and conducted a thorough search of the building with sniffer dogs and declared it safe for us to return to the Academy site at 12.20 pm. The students were offsite for 80 minutes in the park. I would like to commend them all for their excellent behaviour and calmness in cold and wet weather as the situation unfolded. Whilst the police and I were confident that the call was a hoax, we did not want to risk the safety of the students and staff and so we evacuated the Academy.

Situations such as this always provide a valuable opportunity for us to learn and improve. One of the things that we will immediately do is purchase some 'space blankets' so that if we have to evacuate the Academy again in poor weather for a prolonged period of time we can ensure students are comfortable. We are also going to work with local churches to see if we can find a place of shelter in case of a prolonged evacuation in the future.

On their return to the Academy, all students spent some time with their learning coaches and were given more information by senior staff, before having lunch. Lessons have continued as normal this afternoon. It is worth noting that in situations like these we will always communicate with parents on Twitter, especially if we have no other means of communication at the time. If you don't follow us, please can you ensure that you sign up to receive updates. Our Twitter handle is @Chelseaacademy.

Once again, please do congratulate your child on their conduct today during difficult circumstances; they were a credit to themselves and Chelsea Academy.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Williams
Principal