

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know after many years of waiting we finally welcomed our Ofsted visitors this week. It was an intense two day inspection with staff and students their normal brilliant selves! The inspection team were highly complimentary about the Academy, the education, our pastoral care and the opportunities students have with which to flourish. A special thank you to those of you who took the time to respond to Ofsted's ParentView. The final report will be shared with you in approximately a month. Until then I am not permitted to share the outcome with you. Nonetheless the Leadership team and I felt it was a fair and accurate judgement for the Academy.

On Monday students in Year 7, 9 and 12 will have their photographs taken - there is a separate email coming to you about these arrangements if your child is in Year 7.

We enjoyed meeting with and speaking to Year 7 parents and carers on Tuesday - for the Year 7 Information Evening. We hope you found it useful. On Tuesday 3rd October we are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents and carers at 5.30pm. This evening will provide lots of valuable information about the next two years ahead.

Due to the planned train and tube strikes next week please note that the Academy day will start at 9.55am (Period 2) on both Wednesday and Thursday. This is because we know from previous experience that the majority of staff will struggle to get in before this time. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Students should not be on site until 9.30am and must be on site by 9.55am, to make their way straight to the Period 2 lesson. If the strikes are called off then the Academy Day will start at the normal time of 8.35am.

Note from our Chaplain

*Over the past three weeks, each Year 7 coaching group has been on a day trip to St. Luke's, Earl's Court for their annual retreat. This was a great opportunity to have a break from their ordinary school day and to spend time away from the Academy with their peers. We thank God for the joy that was shared throughout these weeks, and pray that the positive bonds that were built during the retreat days will be fruitful and produce great friendships between students in the months and years to come. May the good Lord bless and keep you all.*

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at LCCD on Thursday or Friday. In the meantime I hope that you and your family have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron  
Principal

## Useful dates

- **Academy photos** for Year 7, 9, 12 and new students - 2/10/23
- **Year 10 Information evening** parents and carers only - 3/10/23 at 5.30pm
- **Learning Coach Consultation Days** (LCCD): 05/10//23 (evening) and 06/10//23 (day). Academy closed to all students on 06/10/23
- **Half-Term break** 23/10/23 - 1/11/23 inclusive
- **Students return** for HT2 at normal time 2/11/23

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**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



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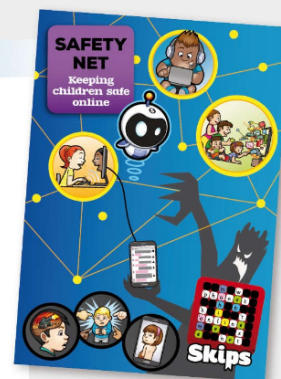
**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**



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