

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you following our hugely successful Open Evening last night with over 150 students helping out as tour guides, Curriculum helpers and the three young people who complemented my talk with either music or spoke of their own experiences. Your children really do sell the Academy so please pass on my thanks.

LCCD

You will have received information regarding our upcoming Learning Coach Consultation Day (LCCD) which will run during the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 8th October and throughout the following day - Thursday 9th October. This is an in-person event at the Academy and an opportunity for you to meet with your child's Learning Coach or Head of Year/ Deputy Head of Year. Please check your email for instructions on how to book your appointment.

Reading fluency in Coaching Time

One of our Academy priorities this year is to develop students' reading fluency. We all know this is a key strategy to improve attainment. In the next few weeks we will be introducing an age appropriate novel for each year group which students will read together in Coaching Time on a weekly basis. Your child's HoY will be letting you know more about the novel.

Y10 Information Evening

We look forward to seeing Year 10 parents, carers and students on Tuesday 30th September at 5.30pm. This will be an hour long event to ensure you are well informed about key aspects of Year 10, including the RE GCSE.

Parent Pay alert

We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding. Please be aware:

- ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

Reminder - School Photos

If your child had their photo taken last week (Years 7, 9, 12 and in-year admissions), they will have received their photo proofs from their Learning Coach this week. Parents can order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). If your child is missing their photo proof or did not have their photo taken last week, the photographer will be back at the Academy on Monday 29th September to take any remaining photos. Ms Morson has emailed the parents of all students who this applies to.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming useful dates:

Wednesday 8th October -

Thursday 9th October -

Learning Coach Consultation Day (LCCD) - evening appointments (from 3pm)

LCCD - Academy closed to students, apart from booked appointments