



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have found the first half term a successful one. It has been a busy term ensuring all aspects of Academy life are making progress. We have seen our Year 7s settle very well, and the rest of our year groups adapting to our continued drive for academic progress. Along with the Academy leadership team we have been visiting a wide selection of lessons, ensuring both students and staff are hitting the highest standards possible. With a big focus on progress in the classroom it our job to ensure that Behaviour for Learning is outstanding. Students can then concentrate on learning, working hard and making progress.

It is crucial that all students arrive to school ready to learn and are able to maintain the high standards that are set for them. As a result of this we would like to make you aware of some of the changes to our expectations of all students and would appreciate your support in our continued pursuit of success.

### **Uniform**

The Academy now provides the first set of uniform for all new students regardless of their year group, which ensures we have a brilliant community look. All shirts should be tucked in, and shoes should be formal and able to be polished. Canvas or trainer like footwear with or without branding are not permitted.

Now the colder weather is with us we strongly recommend all students wear a coat to school. However, this coat should not be worn inside the school building. Students in KS4 have access to a locker to store their coats and text books and these are available from SO1 for a £5 deposit. Coats should be carried, kept in bags or stored in tutor bases during the school day. The overriding reason for this rule change is to ensure lessons start promptly without delay and that students look smart inside the school building.

### **Equipment / Phones / Headphones**

A reminder to all parents that you should ensure your child has a full set of stationery - multiple black/blue pens, pencils, a ruler, coloured pens/pencils, a sharpener, a calculator and a rubber, to ensure they are prepared for learning. Mobile phones may be used before 8.40 am, during break, during lunch and after 3.10 pm in unsupervised time. If a student's phone is seen or heard they will receive a verbal warning. If the phone is seen or heard again it will be confiscated and handed in to Student Office. Refusal to hand over a phone in these circumstances will result in exclusion and the student having a phone banning order implemented.

Headphones are not permitted on the school site.

### **Revised late procedure**

Due to difficulties with some students arriving late to school for morning lessons we have changed our procedure for access to the Academy site. The new procedure is:

1. Gate 3 (Weavers Road) to be closed at 8.45 am.
2. All late students will enter school via Gate 5 (Main Entrance, Brickhill Road).



### **Consequences:**

1. Any student arriving after 8.45 am and before 9.00 am, who does not have a letter from a parent explaining a medical appointment or other serious reason for lateness, will receive a lunch time detention in S02 on the same day. Parents will be contacted to inform.
2. Failure to attend lunch detention in SO2 on that day will result in afterschool detention the same day for 50 minutes. Parents will be contacted to inform.
3. 2 lates in a week will result in 2 x 50 minute afterschool detentions. Parents will be contacted to inform.
4. 3 or more lates in a week will be a parent meeting and 3 x 50 minute afterschool detentions. Parents will be contacted to inform.
5. 5 lates in a half term will trigger a parent meeting and 2 x 50 minute afterschool detentions. Parents will be contacted to inform.
6. Any student arriving after 9.00 am who does not have a letter from a parent explaining a medical appointment or other serious reason for lateness will receive a detention on the same day until 4.30 pm. Parents will be contacted to inform.

### **Open School**

A reminder to all parents that the school library is open until 5.00 pm every day, with a member of staff present, to support with the completion of homework. Students who struggle to do homework at home should use this opportunity. Students who fail to do homework will be expected to stay after school to complete it. Please check what work has been set via the parental login for Show My Homework and support your child accordingly.

### **Show My Homework (SMHW)**

Any parent or student who does not know their login codes for SMHW should contact Student Office who will be able to supply them with the login and password details.

### **Key dates for the year**

5 November – An evening with Year 10 and 11

19 November - Year 8 Parents Evening

All other important dates are available on the Academy website

### **DCP 1 information for parents**

Please take the time to go through your child's DCP report to ensure they are aware of the information that it provided.

Students will be analysing their grades and looking at target setting to set themselves SMART targets and to ensure they are on track to reach their target grade.

### **Email Addresses**

Have we got your email address? We would love to be able to send you all information via email. If we do not have your email, please send a letter into Student Office with your email address so we can add it to the system and keep you updated regularly.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with all that we do at Weavers Academy.

Mr Ross Mawby  
KS3 Leader

Mr Matthew Higgins  
KS4 Leader