



23rd September 2022

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are well; I am writing with a brief update from the start of the academic year. It is with immense pride that I report how well students have returned to school following the summer break, standards of uniform, behaviour and conduct have been excellent, and I wanted to thank you for your support.

Open Evening:

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Thursday 29th September 3pm – 6.15pm where we welcome families and students looking ahead to their secondary education. It's never too early to come and see us in action! This is a great opportunity to showcase our fantastic building, meet our wonderful staff and students and ask questions about the academy.

All students will finish school at the slightly earlier time of **1.35pm on Thursday 29th September** to afford staff the time to set up for the Open Evening.

All students will have lunch as usual before they leave.

- Please do consider with your child the earlier finish time with regards to their journey home and do let us know if this poses a problem.

Please visit our website if you do require further details.

Drop off and pick up from school:

When dropping off or picking up your child from the academy please ensure you do so safely. As in previous communication Millgate is very busy and there have been unsafe incidents of parking and driving reported to me.

It is imperative that all parents consider a safe place to drop-off and pick up children, this may require doing so a little further from the academy and asking your child to walk part of the way. Parking on double yellow lines is not permitted nor is waiting in the middle of the road.

As we enter the winter season and weather gets worse it is vital that we all consider the safety of students first and work together on this matter.

I have also asked the local authority to support the academy at the end of the day with Parking Officers present.

Attendance

We are all aware of the importance of attendance linked to your child's progress. A target of 96% will ensure good progress is made so please ensure good attendance becomes a habit for your child. Can I also remind parents that holidays during term time are not permitted.

I would also like to congratulate Year 11 on their excellent attendance on return to school this term.

A further update will be sent later in this term, thank you as always for your support

Yours sincerely



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