

July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw to the end of a very busy and successful year in our Academy we now find ourselves preparing for the new academic year that will begin in September.

Students have worked extremely hard during the year and we look forward to celebrating with them their results in August:

- A-Level results – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 08.00
- GCSE results – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 09.00

Can I please draw your attention to the important information below which is relevant to students and their families.

### **Arrangements for September 2017**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET day, Academy closed to students
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7 in the Academy at 08.20, Years 12 and 13 in the Academy at 10.25
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – All students return to the Academy at 08.20
- Year 11 enrichment sessions 2.30-3.30pm every week: English (Monday), maths (Wednesday), science (Thursday), all other Y11 subjects (Friday). A full enrichment programme for all year groups will be available in September.

All students please ensure you have your bag (large enough for an A4 folder) and basic equipment (pen, pencil, ruler etc). Students will receive their planner on their first day of return which must be brought every day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students in Years 7 - 11 of our expectations:

- Full Academy uniform is expected at all times including uniform for PE
- Plain black socks when wearing trousers
- Plain black tights (at least 40 denier) when wearing a skirt
- Plain black, below the ankle, polishable, sensible shoes (no canvas, plastic etc)
- No jewellery except a wristwatch (smart watches which connect to the internet/record media etc are not allowed)
- Make-up must be very discrete, fake eye lashes are not allowed
- No nail varnish or false nails, natural hair colours
- Chewing gum and fizzy pop, sweets etc (including energy drinks) are NOT allowed on site

Students in Years 12 and 13, to wear business dress including a jacket.

**Uniform collection for new Year 7** is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 10 - 3pm. Trutex, our uniform supplier, will also be holding a selling event in the Academy on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1 - 3 pm.

**INSET Dates** (students will **not** be in the Academy on these days):

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018
- One training day to be arranged

**Future Local Authority Holiday Patterns:**

Local Authority holiday patterns for future years are available from [www.doncaster.gov.uk](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk)

Please **do not** book holidays during term time as this will be counted as an unauthorised holiday and may incur a fine.

**Student Absence:**

Positive attendance is critical for your child to succeed. If you know that your child is going to be absent, please telephone the Academy attendance line on 221/220 before 08:45 where possible.

**Online payments**

Please remember to use the online payment system to pay for trips and school meals you can access the online system via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). If you are not already registered, please contact the finance office to obtain a link code.

**Visiting the Academy:**

Visitors are always welcome to visit and tour the Academy.

I look forward to seeing students engaging fully with their learning and progress in September and working positively with you.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy summer break. Let's hope the sun shines!

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Allott  
Principal