

June 2010

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we move quickly towards the end of the Academic year, there is a lot still to do, not least examinations and sports days. Year 11 have completed their examinations and have now broken up for the summer. We wish them well in their examination results. They are expected to collect their results from the Academy on Tuesday 24th August 2010 between 11.00am – 1.00pm.

Year 10 have completed their end of year examinations, but are now focusing on completing coursework and BTEC portfolios before they start work experience.

Year 9 are currently taking examinations in Science, Mathematics and Film Studies. I would like to add that I am very impressed by the hard work I have seen from a majority of year 9. Their targets have been very challenging and they have all been stretched academically. Although you may have seen some signs of pressure in meeting deadlines, etc. I am sure it has been a worthwhile experience for our students, who are now moving into their final courses next year. I hope they have learnt something about how to plan for examination success, which is not easy.

Year 7 and 8 have their first Harris examinations next week for English, Mathematics and Science (including a practical examination day). They have all been given examination guidance and have a schedule of exams. These will be carried out under examination conditions, in the main sports hall. The days scheduled will be very intense and they will be dismissed a little early, straight from the exam hall. Please make sure they have the opportunity to relax when they get home and have an early night.

It is very important that Year 7 and 8 do the best work they can in these examinations and to do this, they must be properly equipped. In Science and Mathematics, this means they **must have a calculator, ruler, protractor and compass. If they do not have these in the exam, they will not be able to borrow them and grades will be seriously affected.** The Foundation subjects will be completing examinations within lesson time, close to this week.

Sports days

Year group sports days are also scheduled next week, allowing everyone to compete in at least one event. On this day, students will be released earlier than normal. You have already been sent a letter with full details, however, the attached timetable will show you an overview of the whole week. On July 6th we have the Federation sports day. Students will be expected to meet at the Crystal Palace sports arena, where they will meet their tutor and be taken to sit together in the stadium. A letter with full details will follow soon.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULES AND TIMINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Important dates this half term:

July 2010

Tuesday 6th July

Federation Sports Day
Taster sessions for new Post 16
R&P day for Y12

Monday 12th July

Year 10 work experience starts

Friday 16th July

Year 8 HPV injections

Friday 23rd July

Celebration assemblies and **early closure, 1pm** for
Summer break
Year 10 work experience de-brief

Return Dates:

Tuesday 7th September 2010 (for new Y7 & Y12 only)

Wednesday 8th September 2010 (for all other year groups)

All dates and further information can be found on the Academy web-site.

Faculties tutors and the Academy day 2010-2011

The new faculty and subsequent changes in tutor groups will be made before the end of term. For a majority of students, there will be no change, but for some they will be in a new tutor group. We will contact you with these details before the end of term. Please also be aware that from September, years 7 and 8 will finish school at 2:50pm every day. This will allow time for homework club, enrichment activities and booster classes in Maths and English. You will be sent a timetable of these activities to sign up to before the end of term. Year 7 and 8 will also spend time together in tutor time, as the year 8 are very keen to play a part in helping the new year 7 settle in quickly.

Contact Details

Please remember to inform the Academy Office of any change of address or telephone numbers (including mobile phones). We are sending more and more texts out as reminders and these are sometimes important, so we must have up to date information.

Please have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back, well rested and ready to learn, in September.

Yours faithfully

Carolyn English
Principal