



21 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19, Consultation on the format of parents' evenings, Year 6 transition day plans, Uniform, Transition plans between year groups

Welcome to my final letter of the academic year. It seems only five minutes since September but, sometimes, it also feels like five years! Our students have been exceptional this year in terms of resilience, thoughtfulness, kindness and community-spiritedness and I am proud of them. Fyodor Dostoyevsky once said that "The soul is healed by being with children." I have spent less time with them this year with battling Covid-19, yet they have stepped up to some huge challenges and can now pat themselves on the back and look forward to a well-earned rest.

Covid-19

My only addition this week is to remind you of the need for consent if you wish your child to receive two lateral flow tests in September when we return. We will not ask again if you have already provided consent or told us you do not give it. However, if you change your mind either way, please let us know via the email address below. For all new parents to the Academy with children in our new Year 7, we will ensure that you have the opportunity to give consent should you choose to. Look out for a MS Form from Mr Adlington.

I will publish full details of our testing schedule during the holidays.

If any parents have any other concerns related to Covid-19 in school, please contact us at the Academy using the email address COVID@srpa.co.uk.

Consultation on the format of parents' evenings

We are currently consulting parents about their preferred format for parents' evenings from the new academic year. We have numerous plans but none are set in stone. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts using the MS Form link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/f2QP3ewJAV>

Year 6 transition day plans

Mr Adlington has finalised his plans for Friday 3 September's Year 6 into 7 transition day and sent communication out yesterday.

Uniform

We are making no changes to our uniform policy for September 2021 and advise all parents wishing to purchase new uniform to contact Uniform Direct as soon as possible. The pandemic is having an impact on their delivery times and it may be well into August when orders are received. I do also advise parents/carers to carefully read our uniform policy on the website prior to purchasing any items to ensure that the correct items are sourced. At the time of writing, I intend to revert to full wearing of uniform from September with our changing rooms for PE back in use.

Transition plans between year groups

All year groups will receive some fun, engaging pre-learning activities for over the summer. Students can pick and choose the activities they wish to do and will receive subject recognition and house rewards upon completion and our return in September. These will be given out in R2L time today. However, there is no substitute for a good break so see these as fun chances to increase your knowledge without the worry of having to do everything. Therefore please encourage your child to engage and enjoy the activities that they choose.

I remain incredibly grateful for the support we have been shown by parents and carers throughout this academic year and through the pandemic more broadly. It has been a real test of character and leadership as well as a chance to deepen the Academy's partnership with its student and parent body. For that chance, I am very humbled. We remain committed to adapting our practice to suit our community and we feel proud to offer the education we do. I hope that you feel we have stepped up this year. I will sign off with my usual quote, this week by Nelson Mandela: "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

We believe in your children and we believe in their futures. They are safe with us. I look forward to September with a renewed sense of optimism and excitement.



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Have a lovely break, whatever you are doing.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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