

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have had Sir Michael Wilshaw visiting the school in his capacity as a STAR Academies Trustee. Sir Michael is the former Head of Ofsted, during his visit he spoke with pupils and staff about the changes that have been made over the last 2 terms at the school and acknowledge the changes that have taken place due to the hard work of pupils and staff.

## INVITATION TO PARENTS

I would like to invite parents to come and view some of the exceptional work that our pupils have to offer.

**On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3.20pm** pupils and staff will be celebrating the hard work of pupils in Art, Design Technology, Food, Music & Drama by showcasing work.

Please do come and join us!



An afternoon celebrating Art, Design Technology, Food, Music and Drama GCSE subjects.

Please come to join us at the academy!

Pupils and parents welcome from 3.20pm-4.30pm in the common room on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019



## YEAR 11 – GCSE EXAMS 2019 – SUPPORT

Year 11 are entering the final week of GCSE exams. Most pupils are working hard, extending their school day by attending breakfast and after school exam booster sessions. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your son/daughter to take advantage of this support if they are not already doing so.

This offers a final opportunity for them to ask staff any questions and to get advice that they may need. An exam timetable, including scheduled revision classes has been included below for your information. Please encourage your child to attend wherever possible it really helps them feel confident before sitting the exams.

Day	Time	Subject
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mathematics
	11.00am	Chemistry Masterclass
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Chemistry
	10.30am	Geography & Physics Masterclasses
	1.30pm	Polish
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Geography
	11.00am	Physics Masterclass
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Physics
	11.00am	PE & Finance Masterclasses

Full details of all exams are available on the school website <https://tinyurl.com/y53ro2h3>

Year 11 revision continues to run every day at lunchtime and after school (**refreshments are provided for after school sessions**). Remember these run alongside our rewards package to incentivise pupils to join our valuable revision sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please contact **Mrs Buchanan**, Head of Year 11.

## LUNCH & PARENTPAY UPDATE

Next week (w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June) a letter will be coming home to explain the introduction of the new PIN number

system for pupils. We have noticed that a number of pupils have not been taking up lunch due to lost lunch cards, pupils will have an individual 4 digit-pin to allow them to put money onto their account and purchase items at the canteen. Pupils and parents are reminded to keep their PIN number safe and secure as sharing this would allow other people to gain access to their account.

## UNIFORM & EXPECTATIONS

Please continue to support our full school uniform and PE kit, we are proud to see our pupils wearing it correctly. I would appreciate your continued support on this matter in the final summer term, including ensuring school shoes, not trainers so pupils continue to feel PROUD of how they look in full uniform. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your child's Head of Year at school.

As a reminder, all pupils should have **pens, pencils, a ruler, highlighter pens, their planner and a reading book** every day.

- Please remind your child that any phones or earphones seen in school during the school day will be confiscated and will need to be collected by an appropriate adult.
- Please can I also remind you that pupils should not have any type of **fizzy or high energy drink** in school. Any pupil found in possession of these items will have them confiscated.

Please can I ask that you help us to maintain these high standards throughout the summer term and kindly let us know if there are any issues.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Creative Arts Showcase Event – 3.20pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Headstart transition visit – Year 6 (after school)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Yr 8/9/10 Injections Catch Up
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr11 Prom
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Headstart transition visit – Year 6 (after school)
Week Commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week (New Intake Yr7)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Partnership Evening - Parents of New Intake (6:30pm start)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the Summer Term

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have a lot going on this half-term with Yr11 GCSE's and Sports Day fast approaching. Please do come and join us for the Creative Arts Showcase, this will be an opportunity to meet with staff and pupils in a more informal setting.

Our pupils continue to make me proud of how well they are representing themselves, our school and our community. This week we rewarded all of our pupils with 100% attendance and punctuality and zero behaviour points with a Star Citizens Award and Sundae Fun Day experience. All of the pupils involved loved this and I can see it fast becoming a favourite reward. Please encourage your son or daughter to be part of our end of year reward programme, this will also be for 100% attendance and punctuality and zero behaviour points.

Leaders and staff are continuing our work to transform the culture of the school aligned to our STAR values of Service, Teamwork, Ambition and Respect. This next half term, we will continue to award achievement points and recognise the hard work and achievements of pupils.

Mr Andrew Galbraith  
Principal