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Our ref: PWE/scl

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report that the Academy has made an excellent start to the new academic year, the 90th since the school opened. Students have returned quickly into our routines and our new Year 7 students seem to have settled very quickly.

#### **Rights Respecting School Award:**

I am delighted to inform you that Saltley Academy has successfully upgraded our UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School Award to Gold. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the excellent ethos within the Academy. We will soon be publishing our newsletter with a review of last year, which will contain many quotations from the excellent report written about the Academy. It is a proud moment for us all. Sincere thanks to the many parents who have supported this.

#### **Uniform and Equipment:**

It has been excellent to see the very high standards of uniform from nearly all students. To be clear, trainers can only be worn in PE lessons and in supervised lunchtime activities on the astroturf or sports hall. Shortened/rolled up and skin tight trousers are also not part of our uniform. Please refer to the website if any clarification is required regarding uniform (at the end of the Behaviour Policy: <http://www.saltleyacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Behaviour-Policy-2017-2.pdf>). Please be aware that action will be taken to ensure that our very high uniform standards are maintained.

It is also essential that students are fully equipped and that this includes a dictionary. We have also asked that students have a green as well as a blue/black pen. Thank you for your support of this.

#### **Parental Communication:**

It is very important to us that parents and carers feel very involved in their child's learning and the life of the Academy. Therefore, there will be a number of Parent Workshops, following on from the excellent event held at the end of last term with Year 9 (now Year 10) parents. Thank you to the many who attended and for the very positive feedback. The next will be a Parents Workshop for Year 9 on Thursday 15th November at 4pm.

There will be a Parental Information Meeting on Thursday 27th September at 4pm. This will include information for all years, followed by a session on Year 10 work experience.

It is also important that all parents are aware of Show My Homework: a printed letter will be sent to all parents/carers to explain how to access this.

Similarly, parents/carers of students in Years 7 and 8 should ensure that they can access 'Doddle' to follow their child's academic progress. Again, there will be a letter relating to this sent shortly.

Also, please ensure that you are able to access ParentPay, which we use for all trips and encourage parents to use for dinner money. It prevents the need for children to bring money to school and enables parents to track what their child has bought, so that you can support our drive to ensure a healthy lifestyle for our young people. Year 7 students should have by now, received a letter to help them with this. If there are any queries, please contact the main school office.



Parents will also receive a standard attendance letter. This is a letter we have a duty to send to all parents/carers, to make them aware of the consequences of poor attendance. However, we are fully aware that the vast majority of our families are very supportive and ensure very high levels of attendance by their child.

#### **Broadway Avenue**

Please can I politely remind some parents/carers that parking on double yellow and yellow zigzag lines is not permitted. The parking of cars near the Academy exit makes it more dangerous for people- including our students - to cross the road. I would appreciate staff not being put in the position where we have to ask people to move their cars. It is also a source of irritation for local residents and police involvement cannot be ruled out. Thank you for your support of this.

#### **Digital Parenting Magazine**

Students will be given a copy of this magazine to take home. This will have articles about how parents can help their child stay safe online.

#### **Open Evening:**

The Academy will be holding 'Open Days' in the week beginning Monday 17th September. Please note that 'Open Evening' is on Thursday 20th September from 6pm to 8pm. Students will leave school at 12.30pm that day. Food will be available for students to collect as they leave if they wish.

#### **Training Days:**

The school will be closed for staff training on the following days:

Friday 5th October 2018

Friday 30th November 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018

Monday 25th February 2019

Please note that the summer term ends on Friday 19th July 2019.

#### **Parents Evenings:**

I would draw your attention to Parents' Evenings dates. Parents' Evenings run from 4pm to 6pm.

Tuesday 16th October: Year 7 (with form tutors only).

Tuesday 23rd October: Year 11.

Tuesday 15th January: Year 8 Parents' Evening and Option Pathways Information Evening.

Tuesday 5th February: Year 11

Tuesday 12th March: Year 10

Tuesday 14th May: Year 9

Tuesday 18th June: Year 7

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Academy