



December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been an incredibly challenging term I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for all of your support this term. We continually tried our best to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on learning, but as you aware we have had to send year groups home. I know how much of a strain this places on our families and so we never make these decisions lightly. I am grateful to staff, students and parents for all of the efforts that have gone into running online learning and welfare checks alongside normal lessons and day to day running of the academy.

This term we have we have seen many great events and activities, albeit a little different to how our first term would normally look. Our Librarian Mrs Wade took the library to the students through the creation of our mobile library. We have also had a virtual visit from the authors Alex Wheatle and Sufiya Ahmed to support our literacy strategy.

Our enrichment clubs started again this term with children taking part in a National Debate Mate competition and the wider Debate Mate club has been a huge success across the academy. Earlier in the term our Gardening Club harvested all of the produce from our rooftop garden.

We celebrated National Poetry Day, World Mental Health Day, Remembrance Day virtually celebrated our Feast Day and held a number of activities to raise awareness around diversity and Black History Month including students attending a lecture by John Moore's University, which looked in detail at Liverpool's history with the slave trade.

We were also incredibly proud to nominated for the Communication Award and also to have our very own Mrs Hussain be nominated for Teacher of the Year in the annual Educate Awards. In September we hosted our virtual Year 7 Open Evening. This was a fantastic evening and we are confident that we will once again be oversubscribed in September 2021.

Looking ahead to the next term we have some key dates that I would like to bring to your attention.

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Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January	All Students Return to the Academy on the following Rota Year 7 and 10 to arrive from 08:15 to start school at 08:40 Year 8 and 9 to arrive from 09:30 to start school at 09:50 Year 11 to arrive from 10:10 to start school at 10:30
Thursday 14 th January	Y11 Parents Evening & Maximise Event
Wednesday 20 th January	Y10 Parents Evening & Maximise Event
Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February	February Half Term
Monday 22 February	All Students Return to the Academy on the following Rota Year 7 and 10 to arrive from 08:15 to start school at 08:40 Year 8 and 9 to arrive from 09:30 to start school at 09:50 Year 11 to arrive from 10:10 to start school at 10:30
Monday 22 February - Friday 26 February	Y7 and Y8 Assessment Week
Monday 22 February – Friday 5 March	Y11 AP2 Mock Exams
Friday 5 March – Friday 12 March	Y10 Assessment Week
Wednesday 24 March	Y8 Parents Evening
Monday 29 March -Friday 9 April	Easter Holidays

Our last day of term is Friday 18th December. All students will finish at 12:15pm on this day.

My hope is that in the New Year we see far less disruption to learning, but this will rely on us all following the guidance closely over the Christmas break and then working hard to protect each other in January.





We have been asked to continue the track and trace process up until Christmas Eve. This covers the period from Saturday 19th December to Thursday 24th December 2020. If your child tests positive for coronavirus during this time you can inform us using the report a concern button on the school website, between 10am and 2pm each day. They must then isolate for 10 days from the first day they experienced symptoms. If your child is identified as an in-school contact we will communicate with you via text message and your child will be required to self-isolate for 14 days from the last contact.

For further details, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

As ever if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or is a close or household contact with somebody with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, they must stay at home as per the national guidelines.

Finally, I wish all of our students, parents, governors, staff and everyone who has supported our Academy this term a peaceful and restful break. In whatever way you celebrate the Christmas period I wish you all the best and I look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Maddocks', written over a large, faint watermark of two hands holding a heart.

Kevin Maddocks
Headteacher

