



26 May 2023

Dear families

We have had a very busy half term at the Academy. Our fantastic Y11 students have been working very hard preparing for their GCSEs. They are halfway through now and we put them at the forefront of our prayers at this time. We had excellent attendance at our Y7 Parents Evening last week. We continue to work together to achieve our vision of 'success for all' and encourage our students to live out our Academy values of pride, ambition, and respect. You can read all about our news in this half term's newsletter.

### **Uniform standards**

Most of our students come to school wearing their uniform with pride, however, some students are falling short of basic expectations. Students who come to school without the correct uniform will be provided with the missing items such as shoes, blazer, or tie. For those that consistently refuse to cooperate with basic rules over clothing (for example coats) they will be placed on detention and parents will be invited into school to discuss how we can rectify the matter. If you are struggling to provide the correct uniform, please contact the office because we may be able to assist you.

### **Behaviour standards**

I would like to thank you for your support in creating a positive learning culture in our Academy. We want our Academy to be the best it can be. Most of our children are well behaved and respectful. That said, there are a minority of students whose behaviour continues to be disruptive and disrespectful. We have reintroduced our Reflection Room and have a structured detention system. In class staff are using C1-C4 as a stepped approach to addressing any inattentive behaviour. We expect all students to speak to staff and their peers with respect. We also expect all students to behave appropriately on their way to, and from school, including on the bus.

I know we can count on your full support in making sure that your child attends the Academy on time, every day and behaves in an appropriate manner. We expect that students should enter classrooms calmly, be respectful to teachers and each other, complete their work to the best standard possible, and follow basic classroom rules. In the corridor, students should walk on the left, again in a calm and orderly manner, treating everyone in our school community with respect.

Parents should be polite and respectful when speaking to any of our staff by phone or face to face. Where there are incidents of abuse and foul language directed at a member of staff, you will be asked to leave the school site immediately. We need to work together in a positive partnership to support your children during their time at school.



### Attendance and punctuality #2daysorless #everydaycounts

All our students should be in school every day. Students must arrive at the Academy by 8.40. If late, they will serve a detention on the same day. Any student who arrives after 9.30am will receive an unauthorised late (U code) and this counts as an absence mark. Medical appointments should be made outside of their school day where possible. If your child is too ill to attend school, you should contact school on the first day of absence on 0151 260 700. If we do not receive a reason for absence, we will contact you via text and/or by phone requesting an explanation. Until a reason is received the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Where there is regular absence from school or an unauthorised holiday, parents may be issued with fixed penalty notices. We must report all attendance to the local authority and to the Department of Education (DFE). We expect a minimum of 97% attendance for all students. This can only be achieved with 2 days or less absence per term.

<b>0 - 2 Days off</b>	<b>0 – 10 Lessons missed</b>	<b>99 - 100%</b>	Excellent – student is accessing all learning opportunities
<b>3 - 6 Days off</b>	<b>15 – 30 Lessons missed</b>	<b>97 - 98%</b>	Good – very few learning opportunities missed
<b>7 - 10 Days off</b>	<b>35 – 50 Lessons missed</b>	<b>95 - 96%</b>	Concern - risk of underachievement
<b>11 - 18 Days off</b>	<b>55 – 90 Lessons missed</b>	<b>91 - 94 %</b>	Severe risk of underachievement
<b>19 or more Days off</b>	<b>95 or more Lessons missed</b>	<b>90% or less</b>	Extreme risk of underachievement Persistent Absence

### Y11 Revision

Revision and booster sessions will be running over the May half term holidays.

### Free School Meal vouchers

Liverpool City Council have managed to use some extra funding from the winter grant to provide families with £15 vouchers per child. We are waiting for these to arrive in school and will let you know when they are available to collect.

### Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App

We are using the online platform Arbor Education to communicate with you more efficiently and allow you key access to your son/daughter's Academy information including attendance, behaviour, timetable, and homework. **Please sign up as soon as possible.** To access the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App: Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'Forgot your password?' to finish setting up your account using your email account.

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## Dates for your diary

<b>All students return</b>	Monday 5 June 2023 – onsite for 8.35am - WEEK A
<b>Y10 Mock Exam week</b>	Starts Monday 19 June – timetable to be shared with students on Monday 5 June
<b>Y11 Prom</b>	Thursday 22 June (evening)
<b>Y6 Transition Day</b>	Wednesday 5 July – all day – to be confirmed due to potential strike action
<b>Assisi's Got Talent</b>	Thursday 6 July 6.30 - 8.30pm
<b>Y10 Parents Evening</b>	Wednesday 12 July
<b>Blackpool Trip Y7-11</b>	Tuesday 18 July
<b>Summer holiday</b>	Term ends at midday on Friday 21 July 2023

Students return to school on Monday 1 September 2023 – details to follow

## Year 10 Mock Exams

Students will start exams on week commencing 19 June. Further information will follow to Y10 students and parents.

## Year 10 Parents Evening

This will take place on Wednesday 12 July 2023 3.30 - 6.30pm. All parents are welcome and should attend where possible with your child. This is a crucial evening as we prepare for the start of Y11 and GCSE exams.

## Staff changes

We have recently welcomed Mr Bryant to our staff team as a new Head of Year. I am sure that you will make him very welcome.

## Return to school

The Academy will re-open for all students on **Monday 5 June - WEEK A** - and all students should be on the premises by 8.35am. There is free breakfast available from 8.00am. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year in the first instance.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at the Academy of St Francis of Assisi, and the All Saints Multi-Academy Trust, I would like to wish our students and families a restful and blessed break in the beautiful sunshine.

Yours sincerely



Ms Jo Leech  
Headteacher

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