

Friday, 08 December 2017

Dear Parent/carer,

Update from the Academy

First and foremost I would like to acknowledge the fantastic welcome I have received during my first few weeks in post and confirm that it is an honour and privilege to lead such a talented team of students and staff as Principal. I would also like to give you some important updates from the academy as we end the Autumn term, what follows are some key points for your consideration.

Christmas Arrangements.

We will be maintaining our normal curriculum arrangements up until Wednesday 20th December. On Thursday 21st December students will attend Church services at St Luke's church in Rossington during lessons 1 and 2. They will then return to attend their usual lessons for the remainder of the day. Please contact the academy if you do not consent to your son/daughter attending the church service.

Friday 22nd December is Christmas jumper day where students can wear a Christmas jumper with their usual academy trousers or skirt and make a £1.00 contribution in support of Save the Children. The senior leadership team will also be serving Christmas dinner on this day. The academy will close at the usual time of 2:30pm.

Parent Pay

In an attempt to remove cash and cheques from our academy we will be asking all parents/carers to use our e payment system to pay for future trips. This can be done online using ParentPay or through local stores where you see the Pay Point logo. If you haven't already activated your ParentPay account or wish to pay cash please contact the academy finance office (finance@theallsaints.net).

Heightened Expectations

In our pursuit to become an outstanding academy we've worked with students and staff to heighten our expectations. I'm really pleased with the manner in which students have responded to these expectations with students openly commenting on how they feel we've further improved the atmosphere around the site whilst also enhancing their learning experience within lessons. A copy of the Behaviour policy is available on the website

Improving Communications

As part of our ongoing drive to help parents stay informed of what's happening at the academy, you can now use the free parent portal, School Gateway.

By using School Gateway you will be able to:

- View behaviour and achievement information
- View attendance data
- View timetable data
- Check and update the contact details that we hold for you
- Find useful school details such as telephone numbers
- View details of any medical conditions that we have on record
- View reports (only during the weeks when reports are sent home)
- Access letters

You can register for an account on the School Gateway website www.schoolgateway.com where you will be able to view the desktop version. Alternatively, you may wish to download the free smartphone app - available on Apple and Android supported devices. Just search for and install "School Gateway" from your app store. All you need to register is the e-mail address and mobile number that we have on record for you.

If you have problems activating your account or logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please contact the academy so we can check our records if you are unable to access the app.

Training Days

There are 2 remaining training days this academic year.

11th December 2017

23rd July 2018

As we move forward to the end of a successful term, all that remains is for me to wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of the academy.

Yours sincerely



Rob Burton
Associate Principal