



Dear families,

### End of Term Letter

As we come to the end of the autumn term at Thorns we would like to bring your attention to a few matters.

#### **Parking on Stockwell Avenue**

We would like to thank all parents and carers who collect and drop off students at the Academy and have been mindful of how they park. We continue to encourage all parents and carers to continue to not block the driveways of residents on Stockwell Avenue. We continue to ask that you park away from the Academy entrance to allow the students to leave the Academy safely and try not to block the pavements so that pedestrians can walk safely with pushchairs and younger children.

#### **Inclement Weather**

If very bad weather and road conditions make it advisable to close the Academy, we will send a text message or email via the Groupcall electronic service to all parents to notify a closure. We will also post this decision on the Academy website and Social Media. The Academy will endeavour to have announcements made by 7.00am.

**If there is no definite announcement about the school by 7.00am, it can be assumed that there has not been a closure and school is open as usual.**

#### **Health and Well being**

We are pleased to inform you that hand sanitising gel is now available in all classrooms and students and staff are being encouraged to use it, to minimise the spread of infection.

#### **Uniform expectations**

On our return on Monday, 6 January 2020 we look forward to greeting our students back to the Academy in full Academy uniform. We hope that you will use the Christmas break to rectify any uniform issues and this particularly means appropriate footwear. Black leather or leather look like shoes are our preferred choice. Can I please take this opportunity to remind families that any type of hoodie is not to be worn as part of our uniform. In addition multiple studs and nose rings are not allowed nor are extreme haircuts (bright, unnatural colours or patterns) or false nail extensions.

Please see our website for further guidance.

#### **Mobile Phones and headphones**

A reminder that mobile phones and headphones are not permitted at the Academy site and any student using their phone or headphones without permission will be challenged.

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### **Fizzy Drinks**

Please can we remind all parents and carers that students are not allowed to bring fizzy drinks, including energy drinks into the Academy. Water or squash are the preferred choice of drink.

### **Academy Meals**

In the New Year meal deals will be priced from £2.40 with a launch of new menus.

### **Christmas Celebrations**

Many thanks to all parents and carers who joined in with our Christmas celebrations. The Craft Fayre, Christmas PTFA Christmas Fayre and the Carol Service were a great success. Enjoyed by students, families and staff alike.

### **Charlie Burgoyne Scholarship Fund**

A big thank you to all students and staff who supported our wear pink day in aid of the Charlie Burgoyne Scholarship Fund. It was wonderful seeing so much pink.

### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Year 9 Parents Evening

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Academy closed for INSET.

### **Parent Communication**

child, please try to give us as much time as possible to deliver to your son/daughter.

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### **The History Boys**

Just a reminder that The History Boys will be performed at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from 7 – 22 February 2020.

### **End of term arrangements**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be our last day before we break for Christmas. Students will be expected to attend in full Academy uniform, however they can wear their Christmas jumper. Students will participate in sessions 1 and 2 and then have an extended break, where students who receive FSM will have an opportunity to have a lunch. Students will then be dismissed from the Academy from 12.35pm onwards.

### **Message from the PTFA**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the PTFA, thanking everyone for their support. Our next meeting is 15th January 2020 at 6.30pm all parents welcome.

We look forward to seeing students back in the Academy on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.40am.

Many thanks for your continued support and we wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

**Mr M S Kelay**

**Principal**

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