

November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, we recently received our first Ofsted monitoring inspection. We are really pleased that the inspection team recognised that we are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures and, in particular, praised Ready To Learn for creating a climate where teachers can teach and students can learn. You can read the report here:

<http://www.asap.org.uk/information/documents/ASAP-10034865-Final-Report.pdf>

With regard to Ready to Learn, we'd like to take the opportunity to inform you of one change which will take place from Monday 6th November, following our first internal review of the system. From that date, students who receive a Red Card 20-minute detention will now be issued with a same day detention for 20 minutes after school instead of at lunchtime. If students arrive promptly to the detention they will leave the Academy at 3.30pm. This system works well in other schools and has encouraged students to arrive promptly to school and be in their tutor group for 8.40am.

We are still providing a free breakfast for students from 8.15am every day to ensure that students are "Ready to Learn". Every day so far this term up to 200 students have taken advantage of this and have said that it has made them feel settled and ready for the day ahead.

We are also now ready to launch our new rewards system. Students will be given the chance to accumulate points on a daily basis via teacher awards which will count towards tutor group prizes. Students with 100% attendance will be entered into a weekly draw to win £5 vouchers. There will also be weekly draws for excellent uniform (Golden Tickets) and special achievements (You Got Caught). There will be weekly tutor group, class and individual Star of the Week awards. Special Headteacher and Governor awards of £50 vouchers will be presented every half term. Annually the top 25% will be rewarded with a theme park visit and further Awards presented at our special Awards Evening.

On a point of safety can we also advise you of two changes to routines at the start and end of the day. Firstly, to ensure the site is always secure, we have decided that all students must arrive in the morning through the main entrance to the Academy. The gate by the 6th Form Centre will now be closed in the morning to students but will be opened at the end of the day as normal.

At the end of each day, access to the service road that runs alongside the building and Honicknowle Lane will be closed to traffic. This means cars will not be able to enter the site via that direction and students who bring bicycles and scooters to school will not be able ride down that road. Also on that point, can we ask that, if you child does ride to school, you speak to them about appropriate road safety – we have spoken to a number who seem to have very little regard to their own safety or that of others.

Finally, a few dates for your diaries:

- Wednesday 15 November, 6.00 – 8.00pm: Sixth Form Open Evening
- Thursday 16 November, 4.00 – 5.00pm: Annual General Meeting of the members and Governors of the Academy. Parents are more than welcome to attend. Please email kplant@asap.org.uk if you would like to do so.
- Wednesday 22 November, 4.00 – 6.30pm: Y7 Parents' Evening

- Monday 4 December, 6.00 – 8.00pm: Academy Presentation Evening at The Minster Church of St Andrew's
- Monday 11 – Friday 15 December, 9.00 – 9.45am: Academy Year Group Christmas Services at St Pancras

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GF', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Fitcher
Headteacher