

27 June 2011

Dear Parents/ Carers,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Between now and the end of term, students in the Academy are going to be involved in a number of activities and opportunities which will enhance the curriculum and provide new experiences for them. In order to aid your planning and so you can see in advance the type of things we are doing I felt it would be helpful for you to have some dates and information about what is going on.

On Friday of this week - FRIDAY 1st JULY the students are going to be involved in a non- uniform day as a fundraising event for local charities. This builds on our work back in the spring term when we raised over £1,300 which went to Red Nose day charities and Dream Makers here in Castle Bromwich.

It was the decision of the students to present a cheque to support the work which Dreammakers does in our community to support families with terminally ill children by giving them one last once in a lifetime experience to remember for ever. The money we raise this week from the £1.00 each child donates to come to school in their own clothes will support Dream Makers and other local charities.

On Friday 1st July many students will also be competing at the Norman Green Stadium as part of the Solihull Athletics championships. We look forward to seeing which records are broken and who brings home the medals .During the same day about 60 GCSE history students will be visiting the Houses of Parliament to have a guided tour of the seat of government.

From 11 -14th July a party of students from all year groups will be setting off to visit Normandy in order to improve their communication skills- bon voyage!

On 15th July we will be taking our final teacher training day of this year and the academy will be closed to all students.

Activities week takes place in the final week of term 18th - 22nd July. For year ten this is when they will be involved in work experience and will be learning what it is really like in the workplace. Staff visit students whilst they are out to assess the quality of experience they are having and discuss the benefits at first hand.

Year 7 are involved in a residential at Bockleton Activities Centre in Herefordshire whilst years 8 and 9 are involved in visits to places like Ironbridge for history and Twycross Zoo for science activities.

Also during this week we will hold a world culture day and a sport and fitness day as well as the much awaited end of term celebration assemblies when the students see for themselves what the staff can really pull out of the hat when they put their minds to it!

In between the above activities there are other experiences for smaller groups of students which you will be informed of as a parent if your child is involved.

I am sure you can see what a wonderful range of events is planned to take place before the end of term. Should you have any questions about any of these activities please do not hesitate to contact school on the number on this letter.

Finally in recognition of the current weather conditions we have decided to update our uniform regulations. Between now and the end of term, students do not have to wear their blazers or ties. From now the top button of shirts/ blouses can be left undone and sleeves can be rolled up.

This will remain in force until the end of term. In September we go back to wearing full uniform.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JL Carver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a checkmark at the end.

Judith Carver
Vice Principal