

27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Next half term updates**

Firstly, thank you for the positive feedback about our set changes. I know there were some concerns which we have responded to but the impact has been really positive. If there are still concerns, please talk to your child's Head of Year and we can offer support. I strongly believe that students should be able to move up and down as support is needed but this needs to be based on data, the next data trawl will be ready for our September start.

We return to the Academy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, for this half term we remain in bubbles as we have done for the previous terms and students will still need to attend the academy in PE kit on days they have PE.

Next half term I need your support again on the following items:

- Research shows that energy and high sugar drinks prevent students from reaching their full potential in school because it reduces how well they can concentrate. With this in mind from next half term Energy drinks and full sugar drinks are banned from school site. If students bring them in they will be removed and students can collect them at the end of the day. This will benefit both your child and other students within the group they are in.
- As we strive to improve standards the academy will operate a new detention system after half term. Detentions will occur on the same day of issue and you will always be contacted to ensure you are kept fully informed. These strategies are vital to allow us to support students on restorative conversations, so they can move forward to resolve issues. I strongly believe that this will support everyone in improving the outcomes of our young people
- Could I also ask that you remind students that phones are not to be seen on school site during the day. I'm more than happy for them to be brought to school, because I know they are vital to a child's safety walking to and from, but they need to be off and in bags during the school day. This is so that we can ensure that students are safe in school and lessons are not disturbed.
- From next half term the expectation is that students come to school with a bag, following the lifting of COVID restrictions we will be asking students to take home and be responsible for their equipment. We will also be setting homework for each subject; a homework timetable is below

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7, 8 & 9 20 minutes each subject	Maths	English	Science	Humanities MFL	Creative IT
Years 10 & 11 30- 60 minutes each subject	Maths	English	Science	Option	Option



*Executive Headteacher Mrs S Murcott*

Finally, there are some changes for year 10 that you are already aware of, the first one being that they have will have a P6 which finishes at 4:20. They will have their first mock exam sessions starting week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June. The timetable will be released when we return after half term but staff in lessons will have gone through the content needed to revise.

Again, I thank you for your ongoing support of us making Willenhall a school we are all proud of. I am so proud of the progress we have made recently. If you wish to have a look round, please contact me on the email address below and I would be more than happy to show you around the academy and our students at work. If you have any concerns please contact me on the number above or using my email [Sarah.Murcott@E-ACT.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.Murcott@E-ACT.org.uk).

Together we can make Willenhall the Academy our students deserve.

Yours Sincerely

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