Ref: JPH/Academic Year 2023-24

14th June 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the examination period, I wanted to write to congratulate how well Year 11 and 13 have conducted themselves with their GCSE, BTEC and A-Level examinations. It is always a challenging time for students, full of nerves and apprehension, but hopefully all the hard work and extra revision sessions will have paid off when they collect their results in the summer.

It is an exciting time at Wednesfield Academy, with the launch of our Combined Cadet Force to Year 7 pupils (RAF Cadet Force - Wednesfield Academy). Following the assembly on Tuesday the applications from pupils to be part of this exciting programme have been coming in by the dozens. The Year 10 pupils will soon have a chance to apply to be Prefects, which is also new for the school, and the Head Student interviews for the Sixth Form will be taking place next week. I would also like to make parents/carers aware that each morning at 7.40am there is a Breakfast Sports Club open to all pupils which many have already started attending. There is also going to be the Wednesfield Academy Fayre from 11am-3pm at the school on Saturday 15th July 2023, with lots of exciting stalls on offer. It would be great to see as many of our pupils and parents/carers there as possible.

I now write to share some important information for the next academic year 2023/24 to give parent/carers as much advanced notice as possible.

Autumn Term 2023

- Term Starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023
- Term Ends: Thursday 21st December 2023

For the full calendar for the next academic year please click on the following link: <u>Calendar</u>-Wednesfield Academy.

School Uniform:

I would also bring your attention to the school website which has reminders about expectations for school uniform including skirts, trousers and school shoes. It is really important that pupils' uniform is correct, so please check the school website section on uniform: Uniform - Wednesfield Academy. If there are any issues with being able to purchase the correct uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House and we are able to provide footwear, trousers, skirts and shirts. We appreciate that this is currently a challenging time for many families with the cost of living situation nationally, and Wednesfield Academy will always be able to provide the correct uniform for anyone struggling to pay for uniform.

I would also like to make clear the school's policy on jewellery below. We want our pupils to look smart and having a clear uniform policy that is followed does this.





Jewellery

Pupils are permitted to wear a wristwatch and one pair of plain gold or silver studs in the lower earlobe. Piercings must be taken out prior to all PE lessons and sporting activities. Any other jewellery worn will be confiscated and placed into the school's safe for collection at the end of the day. Should there be a third occasion of confiscation, parents/carers are invited into school to collect their child's jewellery.

Makeup

Make-up in Years 7 and 8 is not allowed. Make-up in Years 9, 10 and 11 is to be discreet and natural-looking if it is to be worn at all. False eyelashes are not permitted, nor are fake tans. Nail varnish is not to be worn and false nails are also not allowed. In the event of a make-up/nail varnish infringement, pupils will be asked to remove their make-up and or nail varnish in the house office. The Headteacher decision with uniform (including hairstyles, make-up, nail varnish and jewellery) is final.

Please note that we do not accept any designer, branded alternatives to our uniform. If in any doubt while making decisions about what to buy for your child, please contact postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk and we will be happy to help.

My Child at School (MCAS) App:

Can I remind you to log into your child's MCAS account to clear any current debt and ensure that the account is in credit. If you have any problems with your MCAS account at any time, please contact postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Finally, if you need to update your contact details please so by collecting a form from reception or emailing postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk. It is essential that we have a working contact number for you in case of an emergency.

Thank you again for the support you give your child and the school daily, and if you ever have any concerns please contact the school by calling 01902-558222 or email the school postbox address.

Yours sincerely

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