



Dear Parents and Carers

A quick update at the end of another week full of new challenges for us all!!

1) Coronavirus Symptoms

Nationally there appears to be confusion about what the symptoms are and when schools should send a child home; or indeed when parents should keep a child at home. We have been sent this [useful guidance by the NHS](#) and I have advised all staff to follow this when identifying if a child has coronavirus symptoms. Our First Aid staff will now also take the temperature of students using contactless thermometers. We have updated the [September Opening](#) page of the school website to include this information.

2) Student Notices

Please do remember that our daily [Student Notices](#) are published on the website. It is a really good way of keeping you in touch with what we are saying to students.

3) Open Evenings

For very obvious reasons we are not able to hold the school Open Evening on the 24th September or the Sixth Form Open Evening on the 7th October. Instead we will be replacing these with virtual events which will run a few weeks later than planned. We will be in touch about this next week.

4) Parents' Evenings

As we will be unable to welcome parents' into school for these evenings', all parents' consultation meetings will now be run online with meetings with teachers taking place on video calls. For this term this means that:

- The Year 7 Tutor Consultation Evening will run online on the 8th October
- The Y11 Parent Consultation Evening will run online on the 15th October
- The Y12/13 Parent Consultation Evening will run online on the 19th November

All evenings run from 3:45pm – 6:45 pm

Prior to the evening parents will receive detailed instructions on how you can make appointments with teachers and how you can access the video appointments that evening. Full [guidance on the process and the equipment you will need to access appointments is available here](#). We will also tell you how you can seek technical support.

5) Weather

So far we have been extremely lucky with the weather but this will change at some point. Classrooms across the school are well ventilated with doors and windows open and so they will start to get colder in the coming weeks. Please do encourage your child to wear a plain white vest under their shirt if they have one. Students will also have the option of wearing a black v-

neck jumper with the school logo which can be purchased from Academy School Uniforms. **The black jumper is to be worn in addition to the school blazer, not instead of.**

Also, the one-way system does mean that moving between classrooms is mainly outdoors. If rain is forecast, then I would strongly urge you to make sure that your child brings a coat with them to keep them dry during this time.

6) Remote Education

The government guidance requires us to have robust plans for remote education in place by the end of September. Next week I will be writing to you to set out:

- How remote education will work for individual students who are absent for a short period of time because they are following the governments' [stay at home guidance](#).
- How remote education will work in the event of one or more year groups being sent home

7) And finally

School has now been open for three weeks. Every day it is a delight to see your children in lessons with their great teachers. We should all remember how lucky we are to have school open in these circumstances. There are significant challenges to us all in achieving this but I am confident that this community can pull together to do whatever we can to sustain the very best education for our students.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully

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Andrew George

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