

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a busy start to the year, and this continues over the next two weeks. Please refer to the key dates outlined in the bullet-points below.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October is Blended Learning Friday. On this day all students and staff work remotely from home. This is to practice for any future school closures (e.g. snow days), and also to give students a taste of "working from home". As you will be aware, a number of employers now implement hybrid working. Being able to outline the advantages and disadvantages of working from home is one of the many factors that place our students in a position of strength when applying for apprenticeships or employment after university.

Please note that Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October is a normal teaching day, and the last day of this half-term. Students return to the academy at the normal time of 8:30am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Year 11 and Year 13 Milestone assessment week
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Year 10 trip to Ford Dunton
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Early closure (2:15pm) for Year 10 Open Evening
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Blended Learning Friday. Students and staff remote learning from home
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Year 13 Girls presentation at the AND Digital offices, Hatton Gardens
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Whole school trip to Thorpe Park
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Normal school day finishing at 3:00pm
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: First day of the two-week half-term break. The school is closed
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Return to school at 8:30am

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding the progress of your son and or daughter. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank-you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Donovan

Principal