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Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

I am writing to thank you for the tremendous efforts you have made to ensure that most of our students are arriving at the Academy looking very smart in their new uniforms. They are a real credit to you. Their smart appearance sets the right tone for the day's work ahead of them. Students have adapted well to all of the changes and are expressing lots of positive views to me about the changes we have made. I am sure this will have a significant impact in ensuring their future success in public examinations.

Some reminders: The first lesson starts at 8.30am. Students need to be on the Academy premises by 8.25am to prepare for their first lesson. My senior staff and I are at the Academy gate each morning to welcome students. Any student who is late will be given detention on a Friday afternoon.

End of day- For KS3 the school day will end at 3pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 4pm on a Wednesday, and 2pm on a Friday. For KS4 the school day will finish at 4pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 3pm on a Thursday, and 2pm on a Friday.

Calendar dates for this half term-

16/9 - Year 10 welcome evening

29/9- Academy open evening 6:00-8:30pm. Please note students will finish at 1:30pm on this day

6/10 & 7/10- Year 7 visit to Winchester Cathedral

11/10- Year 10 and 11 Study Skills evening, from 6:30pm

13/10- INSET day

14/10 - Year 7 'settling in' parents evening

25th - 29th October inclusive- Half term.

Uniform- Students who come to the Academy without the full Academy uniform will be sent home to rectify any uniform issues. Students who are wearing the uniform around the Academy in an inappropriate manner will be given a detention on Friday afternoon.

Enrichment Lesson

The Wednesday afternoon Enrichment Lesson has got off to a great start. I watched students engaged in a whole range of activities that included jewellery making, photography, skateboarding, kick-boxing, Rock Challenge and of course lessons to support some of our older students in preparing for their final exams. This is to name but a few of the wide range of activities students can choose to attend.

I am extremely pleased about the tremendous start to the year that students have made. This promises to be a very good year and we are expecting record exam results next summer. The success of our Academy depends very much on the support we receive from parents. I know that many of you have supported us over the last few years and I trust that I can rely on this support again as we move the Academy from being recognised by Ofsted as a 'Good school' to becoming an 'Outstanding school'.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and prayers.

Yours faithfully

Paul McKeown
Principal

The Bishop of Winchester Academy

Principal Paul McKeown, MA (Ed), BA (Hons), NPQH

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