



The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Dear Parent/Carer

26 May 2022

The academy will be finishing for May half-term at the normal time of 2.40pm on Friday 27 May. Students will return on Monday 6 June at the normal time.

This half-term has signalled the start to the exam season. Students in Years 11 and 13, and also Years 10 and 12, have worked incredibly hard so far in their exams. Staff have run a large number of booster sessions each day to ensure students have the best possible chance to succeed. Student attendance and effort in these sessions has been excellent. Exams will continue after the half-term break until the end of June.

Parent Trustee

As detailed in my recent letter, the academy is seeking a volunteer to become the parent representative on the Trust Board. The deadline for applications is Friday 3 June.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Josh (Year 10) and Cohen (Year 7), who have been appointed The Sutton Academy's first ever Poet Laureates. To see an example of their incredible writing skills, please visit the academy Twitter account. Also, congratulations to Lewis (Year 9), who became the Merseyside champion in the Under-15 boys 80 metre hurdles, breaking the competition record.

Enrichment Programme

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in this term's enrichment fair, signing up for a range of after school clubs. The academy offers a wide range of opportunities after school and the uptake continues to be excellent. After the enforced break due to Covid, it has been brilliant to see our students representing the academy in a range of sporting events across the borough.

Enthuse Programme

The Year 9 Enthuse students have had an exciting half-term of enrichment activities. We have been joined by Glass Futures, who have not only helped us learn about the glass industry and how we can reduce its environmental impact for the future, but they also allowed us to use their virtual reality training program - which the students thoroughly enjoyed! Next half-term students will be visiting The World of Glass, along with Glass Futures, to learn more about the glass industry.

Students have also been able to complete the Crest Bronze Award in relation to sustainability. The students came up with two fantastic ideas, glass razor blades and edible water. Both these products would reduce plastic waste and preserve the earth's natural resources. Thank you to Mrs Smallwood for arranging all of the above activities.

Academy Values

The four key Values, (Being Kind, Reflective, Resilient and Part of a Community), underpin all of the work we do at the academy. A reminder that you and your child can download the ClassCharts app to keep track of how well those Values are being demonstrated each day.

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Standards (a regular reminder):

I imagine for the majority of parents, the regular standards reminder at the end of each half-term may seem repetitive. I apologise for this but, unfortunately, after each half-term break we still have a very small number of students who arrive with the incorrect footwear, hair colour, with fake nails or without equipment.

We firmly believe that students' education should not be hampered by a lack of equipment. Below is a list of equipment that is non-negotiable so that students can access their learning.

- A bag that can at least hold a PE kit, exercise books and equipment. Any bag that can't hold these items is not a suitable school bag.
- Pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener.
- A reading book
- A green pen (provided by the academy)
- A mini whiteboard and pen (provided by the academy)
- PE kit on those days they have PE. Student will be expected to borrow kit if they forget their own.

To make sure that staffs' focus can be on students learning and wellbeing, can we please make sure that students return with the **correct** shoes and uniform. Students are not permitted to wear false nails, nail varnish, fake eye lashes or dye their hair an unnatural colour. Further details can be found on the 'uniform' section of the academy website.

Thank you once again for your support. I hope everyone enjoys the well-earned rest and I look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 6 June.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Willerton
Principal

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