

Dear Parent/Carer

11 July 2023

### Thank You

As we fast approach the end of the academic year, a big thank you for all of your support, it has been another busy, but successful, year at the academy.

### **The last day of this academic year will be Wednesday 19 July, with students finishing at 12.10pm.**

The normal curriculum and lessons will continue until the final day, so please ensure that your child attends right until the last lesson.

### Award

We are pleased to announce that three staff at The Sutton Academy have been awarded a Pearson National Teaching Award 2023. We will be able to officially announce the names of those staff in coming weeks, so please keep a close eye on our social media! Staff work incredibly hard at the academy and it is fantastic to see them recognised nationally in these awards.

### Charity

Each year our student leaders choose a charity to focus on. Our current student leadership team chose The Willowbrook Hospice. Willowbrook have provided specialist palliative care in our local community for thirty years, and rely on charitable donations. The student leaders organised a number of events which raised over £650.

They have also supported the Teardrops Hub and the Hope Centre in St Helens. They provided a food drive, along with a gift donation collection to ensure people accessing these provisions could enjoy the Christmas period with their families.

Due to the Rock 'n' Run event being held on Wednesday 12 July to commemorate Mr Sykes, the annual charity 'Colour Run' will now be held next academic year instead.

Our student leaders will be 'raffling' a signed Saints ball during the final week of term. This is to help raise money for a member of our local community, which will support with the funding for life-saving treatment. This is a family member to one of our students, which has meant an extra drive to raise as much money as possible.

We are incredibly proud of the charity work our students undertake both in and outside of the academy. We look forward to seeing what next year will bring for our incoming Student Leaders and their charity initiatives.

### Stakeholder Feedback:

Every half-term, the Academy Leadership Team focus on an area of academy life to request feedback from parents/carers, students and staff. Last half-term the focus was on attendance and behaviour. I have detailed below some of the feedback along with actions we have taken as a result.



# The Sutton Academy

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You said: That your child reports they feel safe in lessons and misbehaviour is rare but dealt with well by the academy.

We did: We will continue to invest a significant amount of staff development time each year to ensure that teachers are skilled and able to support all students within the academy.

You said: Some parents and students commented on the challenges they were facing with mental health, which was becoming a barrier to attendance.

We did: We continually review our procedures to support families who have barriers to attendance, using the Department for Education guidance “working together to improve attendance”. The academy has increased its on-site counselling provision and is exploring appointing our own full-time counsellor.

The number of students at the academy has risen significantly over the last five years, and the academy will be oversubscribed in all five year groups for the first time in September 2023. With this in mind, we have appointed two additional Head of Years for September. Each year group will continue with their current Head of Year but there will be an additional Head of Year supporting Years 10 and 11; Miss Keenan, who recently returned from maternity leave, and an additional Head of Year for Years 7, 8 and 9; Mrs Daly.

Every student has access to their form tutor, each year group also has a leadership team link with Miss Medare overseeing behaviour across the academy. To ensure that parents/carers are aware of the different staff contacts for September 2023 in the academy, I have provided the table below:

Year 7	Head of Year - Miss Owen Additional Head of Year – Mrs Daly Achievement Leader – Miss Flynn Leadership Team link – Mrs Dempsey	<b>Across all Year Groups</b>  Miss Medare – Behaviour and Pastoral Support  Mrs Herron – SENDCO  Mrs Potter – Senior Safeguarding Officer  Miss Beales – Safeguarding Officer  Miss Gray – Attendance Administrator  Mrs Minghella-Doyle – Attendance Officer  Mr Willerton - Principal
Year 8	Head of Year – Mrs Ryder Additional Head of Year – Mrs Daly Achievement Leader – Miss Lithgow Leadership Team link – Mrs Herron	
Year 9	Head of Year – Mrs Bibby Additional Head of Year – Mrs Daly Achievement Leader – Mr Tootle Leadership Team link – Mr Hodgson	
Year 10	Head of Year – Mr Friar Additional Head of Year – Miss Keenan Achievement Leader – Mr Cawley Leadership Team link – Mr Harker	
Year 11	Head of Year – Mrs Boylan Additional Head of Year – Miss Keenan Achievement Leader – Mr Hughes Leadership Team link – Ms Grace	
Sixth Form	Head of Year – Mr Hughes Achievement Leader – Mrs Alkarafi Leadership Team link – Ms Grace	



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You said: A number of parents and students wanted to broaden the rewards system for good attendance.  
We did: We have increased the number of students rewarded each week for good attendance in assemblies. Students are taking part in a significant attendance rewards scheme for this final term with the chance to win up to £150 worth of vouchers.

### Return dates for September 2023

To support our new Year 7's transition into the academy, students will return for next academic year on a slight stagger.

Years 7 and 12 students will return on Monday 4 September at the normal time, arriving between 8.05am and 8.35am.

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 will then return at the normal time on Tuesday 5 September.

### Standards (a regular reminder):

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

To make sure that staff can focus on students learning and wellbeing, please ensure that students return in September 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. A reminder of the expectation regarding academy skirts, details of which were in November's letter.

Further information can be found on the Uniform section of the academy website and I have included a link for the shoe guidance.

### [Uniform - Correct Shoes](#)

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that everyone enjoys the well-earned rest and I look forward to welcoming all students back in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton  
Principal

