



The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank You:

As we quickly approach the end of this academic year, I would like to say 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 Friday 19 July, with students finishing at 12.10pm.

The normal curriculum and lessons will continue until the final day. Please ensure that your child attends until their last lesson. There is a clear trend on the last day of term, where attendance drops at the academy, please support us in ensuring that your child attends on this day. We will be contacting parents/carers of students who have previously missed the last day of term, as a reminder of our expectations.

Unfortunately, the bus service will not be available at the earlier time, so we ask that alternative transport can be made for students travelling home on the final day of term.

Awards:

Once again, this year we are pleased to announce that three members of staff at the academy have been awarded a Pearson National Teaching Award 2024. We will be able to officially announce the names of those staff in the next 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.

You Said, We Did:

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to complete our recent stakeholder survey around assessment and revision. It was great to see how many of our parents and carers are appreciative of the work that we do in the academy to help students prepare successfully, for both internal and external assessments.

A number of parents have commented that they would like to have easier access to revision lists and resources, therefore we are currently creating an online 'Revision Hub', which will be available through the academy website. This will be a 'one-stop' location for students and parents/carers to find everything they need to be fully prepared for the assessments. This area of the website is currently under construction, but will be ready to launch in the Autumn term. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to not hesitate in contacting us if any student is struggling with anxiety about their assessments.

The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT):

Work has continued with the Department for Education and TCAT to support our move to be part of a multi academy trust. The official transfer is due to take place on the first day of September, however I



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am becoming less hopeful that this deadline will be met, due to significant delays with the lease documents provided by the Local Authority. I hope to update you further in the new academic year.

Return dates for September 2024:

To support our new Year 7 students in their transition to the academy, students will return in the next academic year on a slight stagger.

- New Year 7 and Year 12 students will start on Tuesday 3 September, at the normal time - arriving between 8.05am and 8.35am.
- Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13 will then return at the normal time on Wednesday 4 September.

House System:

You will be aware from Mr Richardson's recent letter, that the academy is introducing a House System from September. This will enable students to compete in a range of activities across the academic year, which will contribute points towards their House. The activities will be very different so that all students can get involved. We asked students to vote on the names of the Houses, and the results are due out soon!

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

To make sure that staff can focus on students' learning and wellbeing, can we please ensure 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 information can be found on the uniform section of the academy website. Recently there has been an increase in a small number of students wearing fake eye lashes and nails, which has led to them being withdrawn from lessons until they are removed. Please support the academy by making sure that these are removed before your child attends.

Thank you again for your continued support. I hope that everyone enjoys the well-earned rest, and I look forward to welcoming all students back to the academy in September 2024.

Yours faithfully



Mr P. Willerton
Principal



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