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Dear Parents/Carers

As we close for the summer holiday, I would like to thank you for your support during this academic year and share some important information with you.

Arrangements for the last day of Term (Friday 21st July 2017)

Students will have normal lessons and celebration assemblies in the morning. They will be dismissed for the summer break from Academic Review at 12.30pm. If your son/daughter is entitled to a free school meal, they need to collect a packed lunch during break-time or alternatively purchase food at break-time. Cold food will be available from 12.30pm-12.45pm.

Important Summer Dates

Thursday 17th August

Thursday 24th August

'A' Level results day – available from 9.00am – 11am

GCSE results day – available from 9.30am – 11am

Start of the next Academic Year – Wednesday 6th September 2017

All students are expected to arrive in full uniform and fully equipped (see reverse or website for further details) at the following times on Wednesday 6th September 2017:

8.30am - Year 7, Year 12 and Year 13 students return to the Academy

9.30am - Year 8 and Year 9 students return to the Academy (from 9.20am onwards)

10.10am - Year 10 and Year 11 students return to the (from 10am onwards)

From Thursday 7th September onwards, all students Yr7-Yr13 should arrive by 8.30am daily. Please remember the Academy is open from 7.30am onwards and the canteen is open from 8am for any parents who need to drop their children off before heading to work.

Staff Leaving and Joining us in September 2017

I am pleased to say we have a full complement of UCEA teaching staff for September 2017. Our recruitment strategy has been successful and we have some highly skilled staff joining us next academic year. We welcome Mr Biles-Liddell, Mrs Jones, and Mrs Whitmore-Gill into our English department; their experience both at GCSE and A Level will be invaluable over the coming years. In the Maths department Mr Syed, Mrs O'Donnell, Ms Smith and Mr Snowdown join us, strengthening the team and Miss Hudson will be joining our Science department. Also joining UCEA is Mr Shelton as head of department for Religious Education, and finally Ms Bunyan, a valuable member of the Physical Education team.

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Bennion, Mrs Fitzgerald, Miss Mountford, Mrs Shelton and Mrs Pickford from maternity leave.

The following members of staff will be leaving and we would like to thank them for their commitment to UCEA and wish them well in their future careers: Mr Bailey, Mr Topping and Miss McGowan from the English team and Miss Sindall from Maths. Leaving us also are our temporary staff: Miss Callister, Mr McArdle, Mrs Stratton and Miss Watters who have supported us this academic year. Two members of our support team, Mr Artell and Miss Heaton are leaving this summer to train to be secondary teachers. Finally, we would like to wish a long and relaxing retirement to Mrs Ives who has served schools in Ellesmere Port for 23 years.

Uniform and Equipment Expectations

I would like to thank you for your support in instilling high standards of uniform and equipment with your child. Research informs us that this organised, formal approach allows students learning to flourish and for them to feel safe and secure in school. We welcome your continuing support in September to consistently implement these vital expectations.

The expectations that we have are listed below:

All Academy uniform should be worn as it would be in the business sector.

SHOES: Plain black leather shoes that can be polished (please note that black trainers, pumps, fabric / canvas shoes, boots or creepers are NOT acceptable).

TIE: Academy tie (snug to collar, wide part down to the belt).

SHIRT: Plain white shirt, tucked in at all times.

FEMALE: Plain black trousers, bespoke UCEA school skirt or plain black bespoke UCEA pinafore.

MALE TROUSERS: Plain black trousers.

BLAZER: Red trim UCEA blazer, which will be worn at all times in the Academy building. The classroom teacher may permit a student to take their blazer off in class if they feel it is appropriate.

JUMPER: Black V-neck UCEA Academy jumper (optional).

JEWELLERY: No jewellery is permitted with the exception of a watch. Jewellery (including studs, rings, earrings or any other body/facial piercings) are not to be worn. Plasters cannot be used to cover piercings. Items will be confiscated.

MAKE-UP & ACCESSORIES: No make-up will be worn. False nails, false eyelashes, coloured nail varnish and lip gloss or other such beauty accessories are not acceptable.

HAIR: Hair fashion accessories are not to be worn. Hair must be of one colour and natural in appearance. If hair bands are worn they should be black only.

NO OTHER GARMENT IS ALLOWED: Hoodies, cardigans or jumpers (non-Academy) must not be worn. Scarves, hats, gloves, coats will be taken off in the building.

Daily Equipment Required for School

BAG: All students must bring a LARGE school bag with them every day. A school bag is; a satchel, a rucksack, or an equivalent large bag that can carry several A4 books and PE/Dance kit.

EQUIPMENT: All students must have a minimum of 2 pens, a pencil, a ruler and a rubber carried in a pencil case every day. All students must carry a planner (given out on the first day back in September). These planners will be a key communication tool between the Academy and home and should be signed by students' Parent/Carer weekly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy, safe and restful holiday and we look forward to your continued support in September.

Yours sincerely



I Robinson
Principal