

RNA/HWO

15th July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

'Success for Today, Prepared for Tomorrow'

As we break for the summer, we celebrate another successful year at Maltby Academy. Our dedicated team of talented staff, leaders and governors, supportive parents/carers and most crucially, our inspirational young people are moving the Academy to the next level of performance. We are predicting excellent 2016 examination results in August and with improving overall attendance and engagement in learning, we have set the foundation upon which to build again in September.

The success of our school is not measured by outstanding examination results alone but by the levels of student engagement in broader learning experiences which develop the key skills, qualities and confidence of our young people. This year our students have participated in over two hundred different extra-curricular and enrichment experiences ranging from work experience, Performing Arts performances, charity fundraising, personal challenges, student leadership opportunities and much more.

Success is not always about winning awards but being recognised for improvements in attendance, achieving a subject nomination or improving engagement in learning. The students at Maltby Academy continue to grow in confidence and are keen to make a difference on a personal or whole school level, much of which has been celebrated through this week's end of year House Celebration Assemblies.

As an Academy striving for excellence, we regularly reflect on what strategies and approaches are making the difference and review what can be done to make things even better. For September 2016, we have made several improvements to the Academy, which are outlined in more detail on the Academy website. These include:

New School Day

As mentioned in my letter earlier this term, the revisions to the school day and lunchtime arrangements will further maximise learning opportunities and enable students to come together in year groups. Parents/carers are reminded of the earlier start and finish time. Students need to be in school and ready to learn by **8.30am** and lessons will finish at **2.50pm**. All students are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular sessions or quiet study in the LRC.

Catering Provision

Following consultation and feedback from students and parents/carers, a number of changes have been made to Academy catering for September as listed below. Please see the Academy website for further details.

- 'Early Bird' Breakfast Club (from 8.00am – 8.30am)
- Extended Service outlets
- Breakfast as part of the daily Free School Meal allocation
- Changes to the food offer
- A Pre Order/Payment Service (for all students, available from 8.00am – 8.20am)
- Water fountains available around school.

Standards and Expectations

We are proud of the Academy uniform. It provides a sense of identity and sets the tone of high standards and expectations. It must be worn correctly at all times. Please ensure your son/daughter is prepared for the 6th September with the correct items. Please see the website for a full list of uniform. Please be aware of supermarket brands stating that items are 'school clothing' as this is not always the case.

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Correct Uniform	Not permitted in school
Black Academy Bag	Fashion bags, handbags or man bags
Plain Dark Coat	Denim, leather or brightly coloured
Shoes – formal, leather flat	Trainers (including black), boots, pumps
Smart, tailored trousers/knee length black skirt / Smart black trousers for boys	Skinny school trousers, black jeans, leggings
A clean clip on tie	Jewellery of any kind (including retainers or stretchers)
White shirt	Phones/headphones are not to be visible during the day (switched off and stored in bags)
	Extreme hairstyles – tramlines, holiday braids, bright colours

Transport Links - Revised Timetable from Tuesday 6th September 2016

We are delighted that many more young people are joining the Academy from beyond Maltby. We are pleased to announce an additional morning and after school service which connects the outlying areas and enables those students to attend extra-curricular clubs and fixtures. Note that the MASS Transport service bus also has slightly revised times from September. Please see the website for all transport details.

Curriculum Offer

Academy leaders continue to be fully committed to a broad and balanced curriculum offer, including a high quality Performing Arts experience for all students. However, it is important that provision is constantly reviewed to ensure that the offer continues to engage and inspire students and provides appropriate progression routes. The Academy is currently reviewing Music provision, as part of the broader Creative and Performing Arts experience but this has been removed in its current form from the formal taught timetable from September 2016. In accordance with feedback from students, we will provide high quality extra-curricular opportunities including a vocal group, music technology and much more. The peripatetic service will also remain available and those students who have frozen their GCSE Music option this year, will continue with GCSE Music from September 2017. Parents and carers will receive a further update next term.

A Level and GCSE Results Day Arrangements

We are expecting another year of excellent examination results. Students are asked to attend school and pick up their exam results at the following times:

Exam Results	18 th August 2016	A Level Results Day	A2 students	8.30am
			AS students	9.45am – 11.00am
	25 th August 2016	GCSE Results Day	Y11/Y12 resits/Enrolment to Sixth Form	8.30am
			Year 10	10.00am – 11.00am

Tuesday 6th September - First Day Back Arrangements

8.30am New Year 7 to the Hall to meet the Tutor and Mr Hallam
8.30am New Year 12 to the Street to meet the Tutor and Sixth Form Team

10.00am start Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 to meet in their Tutor Rooms.
Please see the website for the bus timetable for the later start time.

Dates for your Diary

INSET Days 2016-17	Monday 5 th September 2016	Monday 24 th July 2017
	Friday 21 st October 2016	Tuesday 25 th July 2017
	Friday 23 rd June 2017	

Finally, may I thank you for your continued support for your children and the Academy in ensuring they make the best of their ability. I wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming students back in September refreshed and eager to start a new and even more exciting school year.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Nash
Principal