

MHI/HWO

27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### Sheffield FC Scholarship Programme

I am writing to inform you of the developments of the Sheffield FC Scholarship Programme and the plan moving forward in order to start in September.

The plan is for Year 11 Maltby Academy and Sir Thomas Wharton Scholarship students to sign up at their respective schools on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. A member of the Post 16 team will discuss suitable courses based on their GCSE outcomes, grades permitting.

External Scholarship Students have been invited in on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August by appointment. Mr Boon has sent out an email with a link and guidance for this to external applicants only (students who do not currently study at Maltby Academy or Sir Thomas Wharton Academy).

With regards to the football side of things, the official Maltby Academy start date for students is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Further information about this day will be provided on results day for Maltby Academy and Sir Thomas Wharton Academy applicants, or at sign up meetings for external applicants.

I am currently awaiting confirmation from the ECFA Football League, but it looks likely that the AOC Premier League Season will start in November. As a result of this we will start our pre-season training in September when the Scholars officially start at MA. (This will allow us plenty of preparation time for the season). The first day of pre-season will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We will then prepare ourselves with training and fixtures leading up to our first competitive fixture in November.

Finally, we are proposing to hold a SFC Scholarship Players and parents' evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September; 6.00pm (date and time to be confirmed). The aim of the evening is to inform all Scholars and parents/carers how the Programme will be delivered and also for you to ask any questions or if you have any queries regarding the Programme. It is essential that all Scholars and parents/carers attend the evening but once again I will be in touch in due course regarding the evening.

To conclude, Mr Boon will communicate regarding your son's appointment date for his GCSE Results. I will see all of the Scholars on the first official MA start day which is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and our pre-season training and fixture schedule will commence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: 07384 815 037 or [mhiggins@maltbyacademy.com](mailto:mhiggins@maltbyacademy.com)

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully



Mr Higgins  
Sheffield FC Scholarship Head Coach

Success for today, prepared for tomorrow.