

Dear Parents

The Academy building programme is about to enter its first phase of completion, which involves the handover of the 1st and 2nd floors of the new build extension, and the decant from the 1970's Form Room Block. The decant from the 1970's Block into the 1st and 2nd floors of the new build is due to take place over the May half term holiday, and staff and students will return following the break into the new build 1st and 2nd floors. This large scale pack and move process has involved a large amount of planning in order to minimise possible disruption. The Academy has sought to minimise any disruption to teaching and learning by conducting the decant over the half term holiday. There will (as previously notified) be a closure to students' day (except if sitting an exam) on Monday 1st June, in order for staff to unpack boxes and crates in their new classrooms and labs. The Academy will be fully operational again on Tuesday 2nd June, and students should return as normal on that day for 8.30am.

There will be a number of temporary arrangements put in place whilst the 2nd phase (1970's Block, zonal refurbishments, and ground floor new block) of the building programme is underway. This mainly involves the temporary re-location of the Maths, English, and MFL departments from their 1970's Form Room Block location to other areas around the school. These departments will eventually be re-sited back into the fully re-furnished 1970's Block when complete (September 2009), and to other fully re-furnished areas of the Academy during the summer holidays. Until then however, there is likely to be some temporary inconvenience for the final half term of the year, with those subject rooms being re-sited around the Academy. The works to the 1970's Block and other zones, will also mean that 12 Form Rooms in the 1970's Block plus 4 other Form Rooms will have to be re-located, a summary of the re-located rooms is shown below, it is important that students take note of this in advance of their return on 2nd June, as the 1970's Block will then be out of bounds and effectively part of the building site:

<u>Re-located Form Room Bases</u>		
<u>Tutor Group</u>	<u>Form Tutor</u>	<u>New Room (Temporary)</u>
7R	Miss Rogers	S77 (New Build)
7J	Miss Jones	F72 (New Build)
7F	Miss Foster	F67 (New Build)
7D	Miss Dearden	C2
7C	Miss Cooke	F65 (New Build)
8M	Mrs McDonald	C1
8B	Miss Bradley	Room 6
8D	Miss Davies	Sixth Form Dining Room
9D	Mrs Davies	F68 (New Build)
9P	Mr Pickford	F60 (New Build)
9W	Mrs Wise	Old Staff Dining Room
10S	Madame Saulnier	Room 10
10T	Mrs Train	Room 2
12E	Mrs Everett	Careers Library
12J	Miss Jones	Room 19
12M	Miss McDonnell	Room 17

All of the moves taking place along with any changes to the day-to-day routines will be fully communicated to all students upon their return on the 2nd June.

Unfortunately due to temporary limitations on space the students who were previously situated in the Form Room Block will no longer have access to an individual locker. Students will therefore, have to carry with them their personal belongings, and bags for the final 6 weeks of the school year. New personal lockers will be ordered and fitted to corridor areas of the new build and refurbished areas of the Academy for September, of which students will have the option of hiring for the year.

There will be a number of changes for the students to take in upon their return on 2nd June, including the new Science Labs, new ICT Suites, new MFL Classroom, new location of the Finance Offices, new internal Link Corridor, as well as the changes to their Form Room locations and temporary re-location of some subject areas. We are entering an exciting time in the development of the Academy, and this is the first real change in the buildings and facilities to occur, one I am sure the students and staff will value. I would ask that all students are patient and supportive of the final phase programme of works, and operate to their normal high standards whilst the building works continue. We will keep you all fully informed over the coming weeks of further developments in the building programme.

Yours sincerely

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