

14th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you and your families a very happy New Year and warmly welcome our students back following the Christmas break. It has been a pleasure to see the academy return to life so positively, and I am delighted to share that we have made a fantastic start to the Spring Term.

Standards of engagement in lessons have been excellent across year groups, with students demonstrating focus, enthusiasm and a strong commitment to their learning. This has been reflected in the huge number of rewards issued during the first week back, recognising both effort and achievement. We are extremely proud of how well students have returned to their routines.

I would also like to remind parents and carers of the importance of raising achievement sessions after school for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. These sessions play a vital role in supporting exam preparation, consolidating learning and addressing individual gaps. Regular attendance can make a significant difference, and we strongly encourage students to attend whenever possible. [The timetable can be found here.](#)

Punctuality continues to be a key focus for us as an academy. Arriving on time ensures students start the day calmly, access vital learning from the beginning of lessons and develop positive habits that will serve them well beyond school. Even small amounts of lost learning time can have a cumulative impact and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring students arrive promptly each morning.

Finally, I would like to inform you of some upcoming staffing changes. From the February half-term, Miss Ridge, Mrs Huggett and Miss Kay will be starting their maternity leave. We wish them every success and happiness during this exciting time. We are also pleased to welcome new colleagues to the academy, Michael Barton will be joining the PE department, David Swinn will be joining Technology and Mr Munro will take on the role of Acting Head of Talbot House.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to another successful and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Midworth
Principal

