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Academy**

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a busy half term and students and staff have worked extremely hard during the past six weeks. For our students who will be taking public examinations in the summer, preparations have been ramping up as we enter the final phase before they sit these exams. For other students there will be decisions to make about option subjects and revision to undertake for mock examinations and assessments, along with many extra-curricular opportunities. Please ensure your child has some down time during the half term break so that they return refreshed and ready for new challenges.

Academy Calendar Change

It has been necessary to rearrange some events on the Academy calendar. As a result, Friday 25th February will now be an INSET day. No students should attend the Academy on this day. This replaces the INSET day that was scheduled for Tuesday 15th March which will now be a normal Academy day.

Please note, Friday 1st April is also an INSET day and no students should attend the Academy.

Police Directive

The Metropolitan Police have been in touch with Wandsworth secondary schools to advise us that as part of the community policing programme there will be additional patrols aimed at preventing gatherings of young people at various locations in the borough. One such location is Southside shopping centre. The Police have asked us to inform parents that students should not visit or gather in this area before or after school.

This directive from the Police is separate to the Academy policy which prohibits students in uniform from visiting Southside unless they are accompanied by a parent.

Vaping

We have been advised that a shop in Southfields has been selling vaping products to students as young as Year 7 from a number of schools in the area and other schools whose students commute through Southfields station. The Police are now involved in this matter but please do speak to your child about the dangers of vaping, and of buying products that are potentially harmful.

We look forward to another half term full of learning and activities for your child but, in the meantime, wish you and your family a restful half term break.

Yours faithfully

Wanda Golinska
Headteacher