

6th December 2019



**Southfields
Academy**

Dear Parent, Carer

We would like to thank you for all your support this term. We had a very positive start to the new academic year where outgoing Year 11 students achieved great success in their GCSE results. Students were delighted with their high GCSE scores and most applied to remain in our 6th Form to study at the next level. They were joined by a further 100 students enrolling from neighbouring schools in a bid to get a place on our A level courses.

In order to meet the challenges of the more rigorous GCSEs we have placed greater demands on all our KS4 students in Years 9, 10 and 11 by expecting them to attend compulsory boosters and to complete comprehensive homework activities over every holiday period in addition to weekly homework activities. The winter vacation will be no exception.

In turn, KS3 students have a tougher curriculum in order to ensure that they are equipped to commence all new GCSEs. There have been homework clubs set up in KS3 to encourage the development of a strong work ethic and many students have taken advantage of this support.

6th Form students are also facing more demanding A Level qualifications where the final assessment at the end of the two years of study will test all their skills and knowledge. These, too, have been reformed and expectations have been raised. 6th Form students should also expect a comprehensive set of homework tasks over the holiday period. A Level students will be taking mock examinations from the 13th January and hence continuous study and revision is imperative for success in these examinations which decide final entries.

All students have worked hard this term and we hope that they will enjoy the winter break, albeit with some homework to complete.

End of term arrangements – autumn 2019

- All Year 12 students will have their final lessons on Tuesday 17th December, periods 1 to 5, and then will commence their winter vacation from Wednesday onwards.
- Year 11 students will complete their mock examinations by the end of Tuesday 17th December and will end the autumn term with an assembly during period 6 on that day.
- Years 7 to 10, International group and Year 13 students will have their final day of term on Wednesday 18th December. Students will come in for periods 1 to 5 and achievement assemblies will take place on this day. They will be released at the end of the school day to commence their winter break.

We will all return to school on Monday 6th January 2020 to commence the spring term at 8.20am with a normal school day.

Key spring term 2020 dates for your diary:

Monday 6th January	Year 8 Core Mock Week
Tuesday 7th January	Year 11 Application Deadline for Sixth Form
Monday 13th January	Year 13 Mock Exams Week
Thursday 23rd January	International Group Parents' Evening
Monday 27th January	Year 9 Mock Exams Week
Monday 3rd February	INSET Day – Academy Closed to Students
Thursday 6th February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12th February	Post 16 Parents' Evening

Monday 24th February	Year 10 Core Mock Exams
Thursday 27th February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 28 th February	IEAP Day
Monday 2nd March	Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight
Monday 16th March	Year 13 Mock Exams
Thursday 19th March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25th March	INSET Day – Academy Closed to Students
Wednesday 1st April	Year 11 Parents' Evening

Half term break – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020.

Easter vacation - spring term ends on Friday 3rd April and summer term begins on Monday 20th April 2020.

Easter revision – this will run during the Easter break, dates will be confirmed nearer the time.

Half term break – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020.

End of summer term - term will end for all by Friday 17th July 2020. Exact end of term times to be communicated nearer the time.

My Child at School

This online portal enables parents/carers to view their child's performance at school, including grades, attendance and behaviour. If you have not yet activated your MCAS account, or are having difficulty, please contact info@southfieldsacademy.com or see the Academy website's 'Parents' section.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break over the winter vacation. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements above please do not hesitate to contact us on 0208 875 2600.

Yours faithfully



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