

15th September 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Early Academy Closure on Thursday, September 27th 2018 /
Staff Training Day on Friday, September 28th 2018**

I am writing to let you know that on Thursday 27th September 2018, the Academy will close for students at 12.15pm so that final preparations may be made for the Academy's Open Evening. Meals will be available as usual from 12.15pm. The Academy will also be closed on Friday September 28th as it is a Staff Training Day. The Academy will reopen for all students on Monday 1st October.

Our Open Evening is for parents and children who are currently in Year 6 and are looking for a secondary school place for September 2019. This event will take place from 7.00 – 9.00pm and will begin in the West Hall with a short talk followed by opportunities to tour the Academy's facilities, look at students' work, take part in a range of activities and talk with teachers, associate staff and students.

Please may I ask you to encourage any family, friends and neighbours whose children are in Year 6 to attend our Open Evening and to complete the preference form and return it before the deadline date of October 31st 2018 to Walsall Children's Services. Last year we had many more applications than available spaces and the pressure on places is likely to increase for next year.

Yours sincerely

Keith Whittlestone
Principal