

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. Thank you for supporting the academy and ensuring that we have had a really positive start to the new academic year.

I just wanted to remind everyone that Monday 19th September is now a Bank Holiday in commemoration of the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II and to allow everyone to watch the funeral and pay their respects. The academy will therefore be closed to all students and staff on this day. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday 20th September.

This week's assemblies have focused on one of our core values of Leadership, and we have reflected on the leadership shown by the Queen during her long reign. I have been very impressed with the respect and positive behaviour shown by our students, especially in this time of national mourning. I know students have been reminded that they can seek help and support from our pastoral support team, including our new academy counsellor, if they are feeling sad or upset by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that students must use their allocated entrance into school in the mornings as set out below.

- Year 7 - Arrive at KWB2 Reception
- Year 8 – Arrive at KWB2 Reception
- Year 9 –Arrive Lord Street Left hand side
- Year 10 – Arrive Lord Street Right Hand side
- Year 11 – Arrive West End Gates
- Year 12/13 – Arrive at West End Gates (or nearest entrance to form)

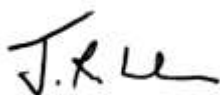
If students are using the wrong entrance from Tuesday 20th September, they will be turned back and directed to use the correct entrance for their year group. If this results in the student being late to school, a late detention will be issued. Thankfully the vast majority of our students adhere to this, every day.

Finally, I would like to give you advanced notice that on Thursday 29th September we will be holding our annual Open Evening where we show parents of Year 6 children around our academy. I know that a large number of our students will, once again, volunteer to help out as guides on the evening.

As usual, we will be closing for students at 12.15pm on this day (the end of Period 3). The canteen will be open until 12.30 so that students who have free school meals can collect their lunch. Please let your child's Head of Year know if you have any questions about the arrangements on this day.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for the part you have played in ensuring the new term has started so positively. I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our academy events.

Yours faithfully



Mr J. Ludlow

Learn together, lead together.



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