



# Joseph Leckie Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and are having a good summer. I am delighted to share the wonderful news about our examination results this summer. Our students have achieved some of the best results in the academy's history. The results achieved by students this summer are even better than those of previous years, including the Teacher Assessed Grades awarded during the pandemic. These results are all the more impressive given the serious disruption that has been caused due to lockdown, remote teaching and the high rates of absence due to Covid-19.

As you may recall, prior to the pandemic, Joseph Leckie Academy was ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest school in Walsall for student outcomes based on progress, just behind the two grammar schools. Our students' results this year are even better than those from 2019 and this is testament to the hard work of our students and the support they have received from you as parents and carers and from their teachers and staff at school. We are delighted that the number of students joining our 6<sup>th</sup> form will be the highest for a long time and that almost all of our students have secured the grades they need to get onto their chosen education or career pathway.

As we approach the start of term and a new academic year, I wanted to write to you all with a few reminders so that things go as smoothly as possible for everyone. I know that parents, carers and students will be using the next few days to get ready for the academic year ahead so I thought it would be useful to give some clear reminders about some of our key rules and expectations to avoid any confusion. We have high expectations of all members of the academy community because we want everyone at Joseph Leckie Academy to achieve highly and enjoy coming to school. No exceptions will be made for students who choose to ignore the rules that are in place.

- **Piercings** - Facial piercings (except for 1 plain stud per earlobe) are not permitted
- **Mobile phones** – Mobile phones, including earphones (ear pods etc) should not be seen or heard at any time or under any circumstances on the academy site. This is a key part of our safeguarding strategy as an academy and will be reinforced robustly, including through confiscation of mobile phone devices and after school detentions
- **Holidays in term time** – Absence for holidays will not be authorised and we expect all students to return for the start of term on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone who has not returned on this date will receive a visit from our Home School Liaison team and will automatically lose their place on our attendance rewards trips
- **Hairlines/eyebrows patterns** – The academy does not permit any lines or patterns in students' hair. Any patterns or lines should be grown out so that they are no longer visible in time for the start of term
- **Water** – We are not allowing single use plastic bottles on site and would strongly encourage all students to carry a refillable water bottle in their bag, which they can fill up regularly from our various water fountains around the academy site
- **Equipment for Learning** – Students are reminded that they need to have a full set of basic equipment at their disposal so that they can complete work without needing to ask the teacher. All students must bring a pencil case with a range of stationery items, including spare pieces of equipment
- **Lanyards** – Students are expected to wear a lanyard at all times. If your child is in Year 8 and above, they should continue to use the lanyard they have been issued with. Students who are joining us in Year 7 will be given a lanyard in their first week. Anyone in Year 8 and above who has misplaced their lanyard should order one online using ParentMail

Finally, as the new term begins, students will be coming home with details for logging into our new positive behaviour monitoring platform called Class Charts. This will allow you as parents and carers to track and monitor the rewards and sanctions issued to your child during the academy week.

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It will support us all as we seek to work in partnership to ensure that our students make the best possible progress and achieve the highest possible grades in their examinations.

We have seen, from the results mentioned above, that students at Joseph Leckie Academy do achieve some of the best exam results in the country. We believe that this success is something that can be built upon even further as we move, over the coming months, to becoming an outstanding academy all respects. A strong partnership between the academy and you, as parents and carers, is absolutely vital to ensuring this.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon at one of our Parents' Evenings. The first parental evening of the year will be for Year 11 parents and this will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

I hope you and your family enjoy the remainder of the school holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone for the start of term on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. As previously mentioned, this will be a staggered start with Year 7 and 12 students arriving at 8.30am and all other year groups arriving at 11.00am promptly.

Yours faithfully

James Ludlow  
Principal

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