

Sandwell Academy

Parent Update

April 2019



*Upcoming dates
for your diary*

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**End of Year Exams Year
7-10**

Please be aware that the following dates have been set for end of year exams for students in Years 7 – 10:

Year 7

w/c Monday 13 May 2019

Year 8

w/c Monday 7 May 2019

Year 9

w/c Monday 17 May 2019

Year 10

w/c Monday 17 May 2019

**Module Reports brought
home on:**

7 June 2019
(Module 6)

As we approach the Easter holiday, I am pleased to provide you with information about recent events at the Academy as well as details of the forthcoming activities and important notices.

Academy Show



This year saw another fantastic production from the Performing Arts department. The students went above and beyond to tell the enchanted tale of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Students brought the characters to life using character costumes and animations, which added to the magic of

their performance! The commitment and hard work from students and staff was clearly visible throughout each performance. With a cast of over 100 students, the hard work certainly paid off with all three shows receiving outstanding feedback - an excellent achievement!

Sandwell Run



On Wednesday 20 March, the Academy hosted its annual Sandwell Run. The four fastest boys and girls from each year group represented their Houses by competing in a 200m sprint whilst being cheered on by the whole of the Academy. The atmosphere was electric with students being treated to a

parade from our Army Cadets and a live Beauty and the Beast dance performance. The races were enthralling, with none better than our Year 11 boys' race, where the all-time record was broken by over a second!

Metal Detection Arch



Sandwell Academy continues its support for the Local Authority drive towards reducing knife crime in the region. As part of this, we are working closely with West Midlands Police and have recently had our second visit from the metal detection unit as part of raising student awareness. Further activities are planned throughout the year and parents are encouraged to discuss the topic with their child. The Academy maintains its zero tolerance of knives. Parents support in this matter is appreciated.

Working at the Academy

Sandwell Academy is not only a fantastic place for students to learn but an outstanding place to work. We advertise all of our teaching and support vacancies on our website. We are also able to hold CVs on file for consideration of future positions. Should you be considering teaching as a career, we are able to offer advice and guidance on the next steps. For more information please visit the **Latest Vacancies** section of the Academy website:

www.sandwellacademy.com/page/jobs-vacancies.asp

Portfolios

Students are expected to carry their portfolio at all times and take pride in its condition. Students are provided with a new portfolio folder at the start of each academic year and will be expected to maintain its condition throughout the year. Should a student require a new portfolio due to loss or damage, this can be ordered via ParentPay and collected from reception. Portfolios should not be left at the Academy overnight.

Calling Mobiles

Recently, we have seen a number of parents sending texts or placing calls to their child's mobile phone during the school day. Should you need to relay an urgent message to your child, the most effective way to do this is by calling the Academy's reception. Students are prohibited from having mobile phones switched on whilst at the Academy and know to speak to their teacher should there be an issue. In the case of a medical emergency, parents will be contacted by the Academy nurse. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Safeguarding Matters

A reminder that any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection should be referred to Mrs Jones who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the Academy. In the event that Mrs Jones is unavailable, Mrs Povey is Deputy DSL. For further information, please visit the Academy website.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Parents will be aware that we are always keen to ensure we maintain the highest standards at the Academy to give students the best conditions to study. Please see the following reminders and support us in having high expectations for all students.

- **Healthy Eating:** students are not permitted to bring or consume high sugar and/or fizzy drinks, sweets or chewing gum at the Academy.
- **Uniform:** Students need to follow the Academy policy on footwear - Please note there is a zero tolerance on Kickers. Also, boys' socks should be black or dark grey – not white.
- **Term dates:** Term dates for the current academic year, and for 2019 – 2020 are available on the Academy website. Please ensure you do not arrange any holidays during term time.

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6.2 Leaving Arrangements

Please find attached a schedule giving further details about the 6.2 leaving arrangements.

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Privacy Notice

Please see the Academy website for details of our privacy notice.

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Session 3

Details of the Session 3 activities in the Summer term are attached.

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*We look forward to welcoming the students back to the Academy when we re-open on **Monday 29 April 2019** for the start of the Summer Term.*