

# Sandwell Academy

Parent Update

February 2019



## Upcoming dates for your diary

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### Module Reports brought home on:

Friday 1 March 2019  
(Module 4)

Friday 5 April 2019  
(Module 5)

### Spring Term Starts : Monday 25 February 2019

### Beauty and the Beast Production :

Tuesday 5 March 2019  
Wednesday 6 March 2019  
Thursday 7 March 2019

**Year 8 Key Stage  
4 Information Evening:**  
Wednesday 13 March  
2019

**Training Day :**  
Monday 4 March 2019

**Sixth Form Finance  
Evening :**  
Thursday 14 March 2019

## Science Extension



In order to accommodate the recent and future increase of students into the Academy, the Academy has undergone an extensive building project over the last year.

The extension will cater for the continuing high demand for Science in Post 16, and includes two laboratories, four study rooms and an extra cloakroom.

This has been an exciting project for the Academy, and everyone is looking forward to utilising the new facility very shortly.

## Session 3

Details of Session 3 activities on offer in the Spring term are available on the Academy website. Please note that these start on Monday 25 February 2019 and will continue until Thursday 4 April 2019. Please contact Mr Moore if you require any further information. **Students are not permitted to remain at the Academy site after 3.20pm unless they are attending one of these sessions.** Please remind you child that they need to sign up for Session 3 on the day before in the restaurant.

## Beauty and the Beast

A final reminder that a few tickets remain for the Academy production of Beauty and the Beast. We would strongly encourage you to join us for what is sure to be a very enjoyable evening. It is important for students to recognise and share in the achievements of their peers and we do hope you and your family can support this event. The performance will run from Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 March, with Thursday's performance currently having the most ticket availability.

## Year 8 Key Stage 4 Information Evening

## Year 8 End of Key Stage 3 - May 2019

A letter with further details about the Year 8 Key Stage 4 Information evening on Wednesday 13 March 2019 is enclosed for Year 8 students only. As this is such an important matter, it is imperative that **all Year 8 students and parents/ carers attend.**

A letter and revision guide with further details about the end of Key Stage 3 tests is enclosed for Year 8 students only. Please read through these with your child to ensure they are suitably prepared. Please note, Revision Guides will be available to purchase on ParentPay until Friday 29 March.

## University of Birmingham Maths Big Quiz

16 Year 10 students attended the Maths Big Quiz at the University of Birmingham last week. Out of 30 schools, including grammar schools, the team claimed first prize and won the competition! Well done to all the students who took part!



## Important Reminders

### Attendance Procedure

A reminder that if your child is absent, you must contact the Academy via text message, telephone or email before 8.30am on each day of absence. A note must also be sent in on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence – you must do this even if you have already telephoned us. The new text number for reporting absences is 07520633445.

### Equipment for Learning

Please ensure your child has the relevant equipment needed for their lessons. Basic stationery, such as pens and pencils, are available to purchase in the restaurant during breakfast. As a minimum, all students are expected to have with them pens, pencils and eraser and a ruler.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Summer External Examinations Timetable (Year 11, 12 and 13)

A reminder that the Summer GCSE and A Level exam timetables are available on the Academy Website. Please check this with your child to ensure that you are aware of all the examinations your child is sitting.

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### Term dates 2019/2020

Term dates for the next academic year 2019 / 2020 are attached and are also available to download from the Sandwell Academy website:

<http://www.sandwellacademy.com/page/term-dates.aspx>

Please also note the term dates for the remainder of this Academic year and avoid booking holidays during term time.

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### Chairman's Report to Parents

The latest Chairman's Report is now available on the website at [www.sandwellacademy.com](http://www.sandwellacademy.com). This report gives details about the Academy's recent progress.

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### Trips to EU Countries

Please note that we are aware of the current issues which may affect any school trips to EU destinations in regards to there being no EU exit deal after 29 March.

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### Retrospect

Please note a copy of the Retrospect for this year will be sent out by post shortly.

Retrospect provides an overview of some of the highlights from Sandwell Academy during the 2018 calendar year and we hope you enjoy the read!

We look forward to welcoming students back to the Academy on Monday 25 February 2019 for the start of the next half term.