

Sandwell Academy

Parent Update

October 2017



*Upcoming dates
for your diary*



**Module Reports brought
home on:**

Friday 24 November 2017
(Module 2)

Friday 19 January 2018
(Module 3)

**Year 11 Achievement
Evening:**

Thursday 23 November
2017

Christmas Concert:

Thursday 14 December
2017

Christmas Carol Service:

Tuesday 19 December
2017

Christmas Dinner:

Tuesday 19 December
2017

Session 3 Autumn Term

Details of Session 3 activities on offer in the second half of the Autumn Term are available on the Sandwell Academy website:

<http://www.sandwellacademy.com/page/session3.aspx>

Please note that these start from Tuesday 31 October 2017 and will continue until Thursday 14 December 2017.

There is no Session 3 on Monday 30 October.

Please contact Mr Moore if you require any further information.

Students should note that the commitment is for a seven week block and attendance is expected throughout unless otherwise advised.



Parents' Advisory Group Autumn raffle / Bingo Night

The Autumn Raffle is one of the most important fund raising activities in the Academy year and provides valuable funds for the Parents Advisory Group to support the Academy. Students have already been given a book of raffle tickets to sell. Sold raffle ticket stubs and money should be returned to your child's Personal Tutor by **Friday 3 November 2017** at the latest. **In addition students should return all unsold tickets as well.** The draw will be made at the Family Bingo and Quiz Night to be held at West Bromwich Dartmouth Cricket Club on Friday 10 November 2017 and tickets for this event are available at £1 for adults (under 16s are free). Ticket request forms for this event will also be issued to students. I would be delighted if you and your family and friends were able to attend.



New System - Bromcom

The Academy will be migrating to a new reporting system after half term. We therefore appreciate your support during this transition period.

Punctuality

We are working hard with students to encourage them to be at the Academy promptly in the morning. The ideal time for students to arrive is between 8.05am and 8.15am so that students are in lessons for 8.25 for a prompt start. Students arriving late disrupt the start of the lesson for other students and we are taking measures to deal with repeat offenders.

Sandwell Academy Young Carers

Please read the attached information sheet about Young Carers. A Young Carer is someone who is under 18, unpaid, and is looking after a family member or a friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. If you feel that this applies to your child, please complete the pro-forma and return it to Mrs Farrell at the Academy.



Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, the Academy receives extra funds to help support their learning, development and achievement. There is no obligation to take the meal, if your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch, but you must register as eligible in order for us to receive the money your child is entitled to. Registering for eligibility also entitles you to additional school funding such as subsidised educational visits. Please contact the Free Schools Meals team at Sandwell MBC on 0121 569 8186 or 8189 for further information or contact Miss Baker at the Academy for an application form.

Year 7 IT Information Evening -Wednesday 8 November 2017

Please see the enclosed letter regarding the ICT Information Evening for current Year 7 parents. This is an event that we expect all Year 7 students to attend with their parents/carers.

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Key Stage 3 Revision Guides - (Year 8 Students Only)

Please see the attached information regarding Key Stage 3 Revision Guides which are available for purchase via ParentPay.

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Term Dates 2018/2019

Term dates for the next academic year, 2018/ 2019 are attached and are also available to download from the Sandwell Academy website: <http://www.sandwellacademy.co.uk/page/term-dates.aspx>.

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

I look forward to seeing students and staff again on **Monday 30 October 2017**.

Important Reminders

Chewing Gum

May I remind students that chewing gum is not allowed at the Academy. Students who are found with chewing gum will be sent home and a meeting with parents arranged before they return.

Coach Payments

A reminder for those parents who pay for the Academy Coach by instalments, the second instalment is due for payment on ParentPay by Friday 3 November 2017.



Identifying and Supporting Young Carers at Sandwell Academy

At Sandwell Academy we are aware that some of our students are Young Carers. A Young Carer is someone who is under 18, **unpaid**, and is looking after a family member or a friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult. There are at least 700,000 Young Carers in the UK but many do not realise that they are a young carer.

We know that Young Carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Sandwell Academy we are committed to ensuring that all students who are Young Carers are identified and supported effectively.

As Sandwell Academy's Young Carers' Designated Lead, I have the responsibility to ensure all Young Carers are able to enjoy school and make progress. If you think your child might be a Young Carer, or could be affected by any of the points that have been highlighted, then please let me know by filling in the form below and returning it to the Academy in a sealed envelope, marked for my attention. Alternatively, you can contact me on the Academy telephone number or via email at MFarrell@sandwellacademy.com. Please note that any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

M Farrell (Mrs)
Designated Lead for Young Carers



Return to:

Mrs Farrell, Sandwell Academy, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4LG.

Student name: _____ Year : _____ PT: _____

I believe that the above student is a Young Carer:

Does the student have parents or other family members who have a long-term illness or disability, frail, or who are affected by mental ill-health or substance misuse? Yes No

If you wish, you can give further details here (not required):

Would you like more information about the types of support the Academy provides to Young Carers?

Yes No

Please provide a name and telephone number or an email address so that we can contact you.

Name: _____

Telephone number/email address: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____



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October 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 7 IT Information Evening – Wednesday 8 November 2017
Start time: 7.00 pm Finish Time: 8.30 pm

I write to invite you to the Year 7 IT Information Evening which will provide important information regarding your child's education at the Academy and their safe use of IT, together with an outline of how we will monitor their academic progress whilst at the Academy.

This is an important event which will help you to support your child effectively during their time at the Academy and allow you to share any thoughts that you may have. **We expect every student to attend with their parent/carer.** Students should wear the Academy uniform.

Due to limited space, we are only able to allocate two adult seats per student.

The evening will include the following:

- A short demonstration from skilled members of staff in using the online curriculum.
- Guidance on how to access the online curriculum from home to support your child's education and an opportunity for you to access it.
- A chance to discuss internet security and provide guidance in supporting your child.
- An explanation of the Module Report System (including target setting, and data monitoring) and how it can benefit your understanding of your child's work.
- An overview of the Academy's reward system.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the form which can be found on our website or via the following link; www.sandwellacademy.com/page/forms.aspx

Please return the attached slip confirming numbers attending by Monday 30 October 2017.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Mills
Deputy Head responsible for ICT



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KS3 Revision Guides for Year 8 Students English, Maths and Science

Your child is in the process of completing their KS3 syllabus. In May 2018, towards the end of this current academic year, your child will sit an examination in English, Maths and Science.

In order to help your child reach their full potential in these subjects, we are selling revision guides to students in advance of this date. Each revision guide covers content taught in sessions, has tips to help students understand what the examiners will be assessing and contains questions to fully prepare students for exams. The guide can therefore assist them throughout the year prior to the examination.

We are selling a Key Stage 3 Revision Guide Pack containing all three subjects for **£12**.

This item will be available for payment on ParentPay until Friday 10 November. Guides will then be issued to students who have paid.

These guides should be purchased as soon as possible to be used alongside homework tasks as well as revision for their end of Key Stage 3 assessments.

If you have any questions, please contact the relevant subject teacher.

Mr Pugh
Deputy Head Responsible for Key Stage 3



Session 3 Timetable: Tuesday 31 October – Thursday 14 December 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 7	Accelerated Reader (KKF)	Homework Club (VB/SF)	B Team Football (TAT)	Science Intervention* (SMW)
	Girls Football (LEH/LAW)	Hockey (AB/SH)		Science Club (KEM/GGJ)
	Trampolining (SHE)	Netball (LAW /AAR)		Spanish Intervention (CGS/SED)
	A Team Football training (AK)	Fitness (SH)		Boys Basketball (TAT/AKB)
	Athletics (RLO/SW/LR)	Boys Sportivate Rock Climbing (SMF)		Fitness (SH)
	Girls Basketball (RMS)	Business Enterprise (LEV)		Pyramid Club - invite only (NL/JK)
	Shakespeare for fun (FVM)			
	Girls Sportivate Rock Climbing (FFP)			
Year 8	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	Homework Club (VB/SF)	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	Science Intervention* (EJD)
	Book Club* (CLO/TPB)	Hockey (AB/SH)	B Team Football (AM)	Science Club (KEM/GGJ)
	Accelerated Reader (KKF)	Netball (LAW/AAR)		Spanish Intervention (CGS/SED)
	Girls Football (LEH/LAW)	Fitness (SH)		Boys Basketball (TAT/AKB)
	Trampolining (SHE)	Business Enterprise (LEV)		Fitness (SH)
	Athletics (RLO/SW/LR)			
	Shakespeare for fun (FVM)			
Year 9	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	Spanish Intervention (DDC)	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	DT (PRP/HJD/KAH)
	Accelerated Reader (KKF)	Hockey (AB / SH)	GCSE ART (KXB/CLB)	Medical Careers (ADA/FKW)
	Girls Football (LEH/LAW)	Netball (LAW / AAR)	CiDA (NJB)	A Team Football (CLF)
	Athletics (RLO/SW/LR)	Basketball (CA / CLF)	B Team Football (EH)	
	Girls Basketball (RMS)		Fitness (SH)	
	Fitness (SH)		Business BTEC Invite Only (SJR)*	
	Crest Award (LKT)			



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 10	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	Spanish (AHB/MBB)	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	DT (PRP/HJD/KAH)
	Girls Football (LEH/LAW)	Hockey (AB/SH)	ART (KXB/CLB)	Science Intervention* (JCG)
	Athletics (RLO/SW/LR)	Netball (LAW/AAR)	CIDA (NJB)	Homework Club (VB)
	Girls Basketball (RMS)	Basketball (CA/CLF)	Business BTEC - invite Only (SJR)*	Medical Careers (ADA/FKW)
	Fitness (SH)			Computer Science* (LKW/BJR)
	English (LLR)			A Team Football (SMF)
	DofE – invite only (MTS)			B Team Football (ID)
				GCSE P.E/BTEC Sport (LEH)
				RE Revision (AAR)
	Year 11	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	Science Intervention - invite Only (JLC)	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)
Girls Football (LEH/LAW)		Hockey (AB/SH)	ART Coursework* (JED/KXB)	History (RAH/AAB/PAM)
Athletics (RLO/SW/LR)		Netball (LAW/AAR)	Spanish (AHB/MBB/DDC/SED/CGS)	DT (PRP/HJD/KAH)
Girls Basketball (RMS)		Basketball (CA/CLF)	Fitness (SH)	Homework Club (VB)
Fitness (SH)		A + B football (SMG)	PATH* - invite only (CMA/VAW)	Medical Careers (ADA/FKW)
Level 9 Revision Workshop (ELH)		Geography (SES/SXD/ARH)*	Business BTEC - invite Only (SJR)*	Computer Science* (LKW/BJR)
Business GCSE (KKM)		HSC coursework (FKW)	DofE – invite only (MTS)	GCSE P.E/BTEC Sport (LEH)
English (JLG)				



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Year 12/13			
Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	6.2 Chemistry* (KKN)	A-Level DT (PMJ, KAH)	A-Level DT (PMJ)
6.2 Physics* (BRF)	6.1 RE (TKV)	Army Cadets (JCG/LLW/RV)	6.2 Chemistry*(JCG)
6.2 Biology *(Biology staff)	6.1 BTEC Health and Social Care	Art A level coursework (Art Staff)	Art A level coursework (Art Staff)
6.1 Biology (MJR)	BTEC ICT (HMS/SKG)	Fitness (SH)	6.2 RE (TKV)
BTEC ICT (HMS/SKG)	Computer Science (BJR)	BTEC Business (LEW)	6.1 Physics* (COA)
Computer Science (BJR)	6.1 Chemistry (Chemistry staff)	DofE – Invite only (MTS)	Fitness (SH)
6.2 Applied Science* (SAC/KKN)	Sixth Form Football A + B (SMG)	STMC (DKB)	English Literature (SEW)
BTEC Sport / A level PE Catch Up	AGCE Business (DRM)	6.1 History (RAH)	BTEC Business – invite only (KNB)
Fitness (SH)	BTEC L2/L3 Business (RAK)		Further Maths (DKB)
BTEC Business (LEW)	6.2 HSC coursework* (FKW)		
AGCE Business (KKM)	6.1/6.2 Psychology (NNG)		
6.2 Psychology (NLL)	6.1 Maths (DKB)		

**SANDWELL ACADEMY
STUDENT TERM DATES
2017/2018**

September 2017					
M		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
Th		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	1

October 2017					
M	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
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Th	5	12	19	26	
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November 2017					
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February 2018					
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March 2018					
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April 2018					
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May 2018					
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Students	190
Staff	200

- School Holiday
- Staff Training Days
- Bank Holidays
- Summer School

Friday 1 September, Monday 4 September, Friday 1 December, Monday 5 March, Friday 29 June, Monday 23 July

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