



Southmoor Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of a busy and successful academic year is a good time for reflections. During this academic year our students have been given every possible opportunity to learn and thrive thanks to the positive relationships and culture which our amazing staff work hard to uphold every single day.

Visitors to our school regularly comment on the warmth of relationships, the calm and productive lessons and the incredible range of enrichment opportunities on offer.

Giving your child the best possible education is at the core of everything we do and can be seen in our strong routines:

- **ready, respectful and safe**
- **Know More, Do More and Go further**

I hope you have enjoyed reading the weekly blog and our regular social media updates, which aim to inform you on a regular basis of the wide range of enrichment and extracurricular events which make Southmoor Academy an exciting and inspiring place to learn.

Our improvement priorities for next year are planned to help students to become **self-regulated learners**. We will focus explicitly on:

- **Attendance being everyone's business:** This was the only area for improvement stated in our Ofsted report. Although improvements have occurred this year, reducing lost learning due to poor attendance is something we remain deeply committed to.
- **Assessment not assumption:** teachers and leaders will be carrying out 'low stakes; checks every day to make sure everyone's learning is on track.
- **Every moment matters:** when unavoidable absence does happen, having systems in place to make sure no one falls behind in their learning.
- Creating more opportunities in class and at home for our pupils to become '**self-regulated learners**'; the ultimate sign of independence and future success.

We value our strong relationships with parents and carers and appreciate any constructive feedback to support us in our drive for everyday excellence. Many parents ask how they can support their child with learning, the answer is very simple; students must come to school every day so they can take full advantage of the opportunities that they are offered. Encouraging regular opportunities for reading at home also has an incredible impact on learning and progress in all areas of school life.

Please continue to support us by ensuring your child attends school in the full, correct uniform, details of which are attached. Please also find enclosed details of school terms, holidays and teacher training days, as well an outline of the school day timings for the coming year.

FINAL DAY OF TERM– FRIDAY 12th JULY 2024: Students may **wear their PE kit or alternative suitable sportswear**, as they will be collaborating on a series of teamwork challenges to 'escape for the summer'. All students will be dismissed from the school site at **12 noon**. Packed lunches will be available for collection from the restaurant for all students who receive a free school meal, or who may wish to purchase one. Students must inform the kitchen manager directly by 9am on Tuesday 9th July of their requirement for a packed lunch on the last day.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF TERM IN SEPTEMBER 2024:

Monday 9th September

- Year 7 students to be on the school yard by 8:25am prompt.
- Year 8 to Year 11 students to be on the school yard by 10:55am. **Please note the gates will be open at 10.40 and will close promptly at 10.55.**

The structure of the Academy Day for all subsequent days is as follows:

08.00 – 8.20	Arrival on the school yard
08.30 – 08.50	Tutor time/Assembly
08.50 – 09.45	Lesson 1
09.45 – 10.45	Lesson 2
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.00	Lesson 3
12.00 – 13.40	Lesson 4 and Lunch (staggered)
13.40 – 14.35	Lesson 5
14.35 – 15.30	Lesson 6

Please note that the school day will finish at 2.35 p.m. each Wednesday to allow for staff training and pupil enrichment/support activities.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Southmoor Academy in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J. Maw
Headteacher