

CSB/LFA

24th January, 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Re: Extra INSET Day - Friday 14th February, 2020

There have been a number of timetable issues at the Academy this academic year which have led to restrictions in what we are able to do to support students' learning. For example, in some year groups it is difficult to change a student's set following an assessment, even though this would best support the student's learning. Clearly, we need to make sure that all our students are able to learn appropriately and this includes being in the correct set to ensure good academic progress.

A number of solutions have been tried in order to alleviate these restrictions but without the success that will really make a difference to students' learning. Therefore, following a consultation with Senior and Middle Leaders at the Academy, we have decided that in order to ensure better academic progress for students, we will have to change the school timetable mid-year.

I am sure you will appreciate that this is not a decision that has been taken lightly but we genuinely believe that this will improve learning. We are hoping to implement the new timetable from Monday 24th February. Therefore, we will be closing the school to students on Friday 14th February to allow staff time to plan for the changes.

Students will be provided with work by their teachers on that day and I apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause to you as parents and carers.

Following the INSET day on Friday 14th February, on **Monday 24th February the school day will begin as normal at 08.35** and there will be an extended tutor time so that students will be able to go through their new timetables with their form tutors. Some students will spend this time in the SEND area if they need one-to-one support in dealing with the changes.

If there are any further changes to the implementation of this new timetable, I will let you know immediately. I appreciate your support in this matter.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Miss Bacon', written in a cursive style.

Miss Bacon
Principal