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VSH/KW/Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now settled back into academy life and we are already seeing some outstanding academic work, right through from Year 7 to Year 13.

I have thanked and praised students for their courtesy and co-operation during the continuation of our building work. Thank you to you, also, for being mindful about the volume of traffic and the need to keep our students safe on the way into and out of the academy. The police have asked us to put out a reminder not to double park on Potters Croft and to ensure entrance and exits are kept clear. Please avoid parking opposite drive entrances, as residents are struggling to get their cars on and off their drive safely and remember to drive slowly in and around the academy site. It would be helpful if you could keep pavements clear for pushchairs and wheelchairs. There have been some near misses at the corner of Potters Croft, where parents/carers are dropping off students and reversing onto Darklands Road. Can I ask you please to avoid any dangerous manoeuvres?

Building and development works are progressing nicely and we anticipate that the completion of all four projects, the Technology roof, the astroturf resurfacing, the new heating and the new block will be finished before half term. I am pleased that so many parents and carers attended the parent and carer information evening last night and hope you found it helpful.

As usual, everyone has gone out of their way to help Year 7 and Year 12 to find their way and to settle. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need clarification about anything, whatever your son or daughter's age and year group.

Progress Leaders (formerly Head of Year) are always happy to hear from you and will endeavour to get back to you the same day if you leave a message in Reception.

Year 7	Miss C Sowter
Year 8	Miss H Arnold
Year 9	Miss L Amos
Year 10	Mr Z Williams
Year 11	Mr S Elks
Sixth Form	Ms J Wilson

Mr Hurst, Head of Student and Parent Services, leads a team of support staff who are committed to ensuring any worries are alleviated and that support is put in place to allow all students to make good progress.



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It is very important that we work in partnership with you to ensure your children are successful, so please contact me if you have any concerns about communication, support and feedback during the course of the year.

Punctuality has been excellent so far this year. Year 10 and 11 students have additional English, Mathematics and Science teaching in form times to practise and reinforce what they are learning in lessons and I am impressed with their commitment.

Citizens Advice South Derbyshire and City have asked us to inform you of an opportunity to update your digital skills, supported by CASDC at: <https://www.citizensadvice-southderbyshireandcity.org/dig-it>

Thank you for the support you give to your children to get them here on time every day and ready for learning.

Yours sincerely

V Sharples

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