

Our ref OFA/ABS/TC

4 September 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we start our new second full year of being an academy, I thought it would be useful to update you on some changes and news.

Examination Results

We were really pleased with the examination results as you will no doubt have seen via Facebook or the local press. We recorded our best ever set of Sixth Form results and GCSE results were up by 10%; an excellent set of results that are a true reflection of talent, hard work and a great partnership between students, parents and teachers.

Waggon Street Gate

I have taken the decision to close the Waggon Street gates completely. Very few students utilise the gate when leaving the academy. Senior staff will continue to patrol the area until 3.30 pm and we will review the situation at October half term.

Student Reception

From Monday 8 September students will use the purpose built reception by the art department. Adults and Sixth Formers will continue to use main reception.

Satellite Clubs – Football/Rugby

We have managed to secure funding to run additional sports clubs each Friday afternoon. Warley Rugby Club and Tividale Football Club will be starting their clubs on Friday 12 September. The sessions will run from 1.30 pm until 2.30 pm on the astro turf. They are open for years 7 to 10 and will cost £1 per week. Students wishing to attend will need to book their sessions in student registration by Thursday of each week.

We will hopefully be running Tennis, Boxing and Triathlon in the near future.

Communication with Parents

Whilst we will continue to communicate via letter for the foreseeable future, all of our communications can be found on the website www.ormistonforgeacademy.co.uk and our Facebook page.

Changes to Calendar

The training day scheduled for 24 October 2014 has been moved to 19 December 2014, apologies for any inconvenience.

- Friday 24 October : Academy closed for half term at 1.20 pm
- Thursday 18 December : Academy closes for Christmas at 3.10 pm
- Friday 19 December : Training Day

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support and for supporting our successes.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Burns
Principal

