



Parent/Carer Notices

Spring 1 – Monday 20th January 2025

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 23rd January – Year 9 Parents Evening
- Friday 24th January – SEND Coffee Morning
- Monday 27th January- MCA6 Taster Day and WSC visit
- Thursday 6th February - Year 11 Parents Evening
- Monday 17th February – Half Term

General Notices

Start to the Spring Term

We have had a great start with some fantastic and exciting events which will no doubt feature in our newsletter at the end of this half term. Students have enjoyed a trip led by Miss Harper to see a pantomime which featured one of our very own students performing. We also had a successful trip to the theatre in London led by Mr Goodenough. A fun and inspiring time was had by all!

6764 positive events were recorded last week. This time last year there were 4087. In terms of negative events- we have seen a 22% reduction compared to this time last year. I am proud of these figures which exhibit our commitment to champion and support our young people. Our Warm;Strict culture continues to develop at MCA.

I received a wonderful email from a parent last week. This sentence encapsulates what I want all parents and carers to believe- *“It was evident that the safety and well-being of the children are at the heart of everything you do.”*

Finally, a well-deserved well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students! We are entering the final week of our mocks and we are so proud of our students who have conducted themselves brilliantly throughout. This is great practice for the real exams coming up and the feedback we can provide students from marking these assessments will form a vital component of our lessons before the half term break. Students will receive their mock grades in an envelope as well as being published on Go4Schools on the 5th February. Miss Powling will be in touch with further details about the mock results nearer the time.

Feedback

Our survey launched last week. We want to know how we can make our Academy even better for your children. Your ideas will help us figure out what we should improve and what is already working well. When you fill out the survey, please share your thoughts honestly. Your answers will be kept private. I am appreciative of any parent who contacts us directly to ask a question, to share a concern, to share a suggestion or to share appreciation and positive feedback. We can only react to feedback that is shared with us via the appropriate and proper channels. We do not monitor Facebook as a means to respond to issues.



Here is a link to the survey: <https://edurio.com/poll/LdUz7s>

Uniform

Thankyou to Parents and Carers who continue to support our uniform policy. We have seen a noticeable improvement this week with blazers being worn and fewer incidences of leggings being worn. With the colder weather, it really is advisable for students to wear a jacket or coat over their blazer, rather than a hoodie under their blazer. Students are expected to remove their hoodies before they enter the building at the start of the day. This cannot be worn later in the day, so I would be concerned if students did not have a suitable warm layer that they could wear at break or lunch.

The branded jumpers are a suitable extra layer that can be worn under the blazer and look smart. Previously we have also allowed students to wear an MCA-branded PE fleece under their blazer during cold weather and whilst there were supply issues involving the jumper. Some staff have enquired as to whether this arrangement could be reinstated. I am happy for students to wear a branded fleece under their blazer until half term during these colder weeks. I hope that this adjustment is helpful. I will provide a uniform update when we return after half term.

Aerosols and Fragrance Sprays

There have been some concerns raised by students and staff regarding the use of aerosols and spray fragrances in the Academy. Many schools have taken the step to ban the use of aerosols and sprays due to the risks they can pose to individuals with asthma or other respiratory conditions. Alternative roll-on fragrance products are readily available so the ban of aerosols and spray fragrances should not be of detriment to anyone in our Academy community. The restriction applies to all community members- including adults and all members of staff. Please can you support us in restricting the use of such products during the school day by ensuring that your child does not bring a spray product into the Academy. Such items will be confiscated if seen outside of a student's bag. The item will then be given to Student Reception and can be collected by a parent/carer if the student wishes to have the item back. Thank you in advance for your support to ensure that we can keep our community members safe.

SEND Coffee Morning

We are holding our next SEND Coffee Morning of the year on Friday 24th January between 10am and 11.30am. This is an opportunity for parents of SEND students to informally meet with members of the SEND team and chat with other parents as a support network.

For this term's coffee morning, we also have staff from Suffolk SENDIASS and MHST joining us. SENDIASS are a confidential advice service for parents of students with SEND needs and MHST are our local Mental Health in Schools team. Both will have staff at our coffee morning who will be available for parents/carers to talk to about the support they can offer for students and their families.

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The event will take place at our MCA6 Sixth Form site. Please come to the MCA6 main reception where you will be shown through to the lecture theatre.

If you would like to attend the SEND coffee morning, please click on the link below to register your attendance. <https://forms.office.com/e/YfYE5xBdDc>