

PARENT/CARER NOTICES

Summer 1 Monday 5th May 2025

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – Academy Closed
Thursday 8th May – 80th Anniversary of VE Day – Cadet Uniforms may be worn
Wednesday 14th May – Immunisation Catch Up Session
Thursday 22nd May- Bingo Night @ MCA6
Monday 26th May – Half Term
Thursday 5th June – Year 12 UCAS/Apprenticeship Parent Information Evening
Friday 6th and Saturday 7th June – Bronze D of E Expedition
Thursday 12th June – Year 12 UCAS Trip
Monday 9th to Thursday 19th June – Year 10 and 12 End of Year Exams
Friday 20th June – ATT PD Day
Thursday 26th June – 9.30am to 11am – SEND Transition Coffee Morning
Friday 27th June – Year 11 Prom
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July – Year 12 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 1st July – MCA6 Midsummer Ball
Friday 11th July – Yr11/12 Induction Trip
Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – PD Days
Wednesday 3rd September – Students Return

General Notices

Warm; Strict Update

I would like to recognise the efforts of our Year 11's who have started the exam season so well. Last week we had the Art exams and the MFL speaking exams began. Those will carry on into this week before we have our first 'big exams' at the end of the week. Miss Powling has provided an update which is below my message.

Thursday will be a special day this week where we will pay our respects to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. My assembly will focus on this and students who are involved in service-affiliated organisations are encouraged to wear their uniform.

Last week we recorded 6079 positive events which ranks at around our 10th highest week this year. We continue to drive the opportunities for positive celebration and recognition of hard work and improvement. I was delighted to have my picture taken with a group of

students who have shown real progress from Term 1 to Term 2 and were part of a larger group who received a letter of recognition:



A number of students approached me this week to thank the MCA staff for adjusting the uniform to allow non-black socks. I think this is a sensible adjustment to reduce costs and to demonstrate our response to student and parent/carer voice. Please be aware that our expectations continue and I appreciate the support to ensure that our students are wearing appropriate trousers, a tie and blazer as normal. The warm weather has sadly passed for now and we will not need to introduce a temporary pause for blazers as we did on Wednesday last week when we saw temperatures of around 28-29 degrees Celsius. The SEND coffee morning was a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet with our fantastic SEND team. This is now an important part of our calendar and is part of our continued drive to stay connected with our parent/carer community. I hope that everyone has a positive week as we support our Year 11's through this next important phase. *Best wishes, James Oxley*

Year 11

Well done to the Year 11 Art students for completing their final exams last week - thank you to the Art team for supporting the students and helping them to be successful.

Well done to the Year 11 students who have completed their language speaking exams this week and to the MFL team for supporting the students to prepare for this daunting task! The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and the majority of students have come

away feeling that they have given it their best shot. The speaking exams will continue until Friday 9th June.

The Year 11 Leavers' Day is **Wednesday 11th June** - Year 11 students will be in lessons when they do not have an exam until Tuesday 10th June. Further details about the final day will be shared soon. We will continue to have a Year 11 space for those students who want to remain in the academy during the school day after Wednesday 11th June. The last exam for Year 11 is Further Maths on Wednesday 18th June.

Exams this week:

- Thursday AM - Drama, Psychology and Sports Studies
- Friday PM - Business Studies

Thankyou, Nicola Powling

80th Anniversary of VE day - Thursday 8th May 25.

As part of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations, we would welcome any student who is associated with military cadets, Police cadets, St John Ambulance, Scouts & Guides to wear their cadet uniform on Thursday 8th May.

World Challenge

The world challenge group are in the process of organising their next event which is a bingo night on Thursday 22nd May. The event is at MCA6 and will take place from 6.30 – 8.00. Entry and tickets are £5 with additional books and snacks available on the night. Tickets can be purchased via SCOPAY. *Thankyou, Beth Muttock*

Uniform Donations

The Academy is once again requesting items of clean, good quality uniform that we can gift to students who need it. Donations of blazers, ties, PE House T Shirts and PE Academy Fleeces are required. Please can you drop off such items to main reception or ask your child to give them to student reception please

Hayfever Tablets and Water Bottles

Please be aware that we cannot give students hay fever tablets unless parents/carers have completed a permission form and provided us with the antihistamine tablets.

Just a reminder to ensure students bring a full water bottle into the Academy with them every day. We have water stations for bottles to be refilled at break and lunchtimes.

COCA/ Bullying

As an Academy we work hard to teach our students our MCA TRAITS. One such TRAIT is that of 'Togetherness'. We understand this to be accepting and tolerant of others no matter what their background is. On rare occasions, student unkindness towards other is repetitive and mean. We classify this as Child on Child Abuse/ Bullying. As an Academy we have launched a new webpage on our website which explains the action taken by staff when this is reported to them by students and their parents/ carers.

Students received a special Morning Meeting presentation to launch this resource to the student community as well. This is part of our ongoing work to promote kindness and inclusivity as well as highlighting the dangers of abuse/bullying.

The Academy would like to thank the parent/ carer forum for their contributions to this webpage.

<https://www.mildenhall.attrust.org.uk/our-academy/child-on-child-abuse-coca-bullying/>

Thankyou, Richard Goodenough

JKH Recruitment Open Day – Saturday 17th May

Please see the attached flyer regarding a JKH Recruitment Event on Saturday 17th May from 8am until 11am.

MCA6 - Year 12 Summer Term Information

Please see the attached Year 12 Summer Term key information sheet.