

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

10th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we settle into Term 2 I just wanted to drop you a few notes of some positive starts to the term along with a few bits of wider information.

Bristol Met at COP26 – OK, we didn't make the journey to Glasgow but we did have all students in Year 7 to Year 10 simultaneously participate in "The Great Big Lesson" on climate and nature live from COP26. BBC and ITV got wind of our plans and came along to see it in action and then speak to some of our students. You can read a bit more and watch the short clips from the news at [this link](#). I was really proud of how articulate our students were "live on camera".

Remembrance Day – tomorrow (Thursday) is Remembrance Day. There will be a video assembly for all students in the morning and we will be observing a 2min silence just after 11am. We will also have charity collection buckets on the way in and if any students wish to donate to the Royal British Legion they can do. Unfortunately the RBL have not been able to deliver their usual supplies of poppies so we don't have any available on site this year.

Year 11 Mock Exams – we are approaching the tail end of Year 11 mocks though with some key exams for many students still to go. I just wanted to recognise how amazing our Year 11 have been in their approach and attitude to these assessments. We know "exams" of any type can be stressful and a source of anxiety and this is a cohort who have had disruption to their education across Year 9 and Year 10. They have, however, been exemplary and it really bodes well for their Summer season. Well Done from all the staff at the Academy!

Covid Controls - When I last wrote to you it was to announce that some control measures (namely face coverings) were being re-introduced. This was announced as a 2 week initial measure with then a review. We haven't yet had an update on the weeks beyond but I will write again when we hear anything. For information about this, particularly around how anyone Aged 12+ can book their Covide vaccine directly at any NHS Vaccine centre, please revisit my [previous letter here](#)

Finally, a local organisation is looking to run some groups for parents of anxious teenagers. There is a small cost for this and I normally don't use my communications to pass on adverts but I know this is an area of interest to many of our community and therefore anyone wishing to find out more can [check this link](#)

Best wishes,



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Principal