



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Changes to the Academy Curriculum

As you may have read in the update letters over the summer from our Executive Principal, there have been a few changes to the Academy Curriculum for this academic year.

#### Years 7-11

PE will no longer appear as a subject on student timetables. Instead it has been replaced by Active Learning (coded AC). The new subject encompasses traditional 'PE' sessions, Life Long Learning/PSHE and a Remote Learning lesson. This final lesson is designed to improve student's skills in working independently using online resources, which is vitally important both for revision techniques but also in case of further periods lock down or self-isolation. Some AC lessons will therefore be taught in classrooms and others using the PE facilities. This means that students will only need to be attend the Academy in their PE kit on days when they have physical PE lessons. The PE team will tell students during their first Active Learning lesson which days they will be required to wear kit on.

#### Year 7 and 8 only

Skills, Action and Service (SAS) is undertaken by year 7 and 8 students and is the opportunity for students to explore and develop various skills. This year, SAS will be run on various days and will currently be undertaken in the classroom with all students working on a project to make the school more eco-friendly. Within this project students will develop many skills from debating to surveying.

#### Year 9 students only

Year 9 will participate in a enrichment curriculum designed to develop key skills required for GCSEs. Students will have two hours every two weeks in each of the following subject areas; Digital Literacy (coded DL), Creative Literacy (AL), Cultural Literacy (CL) and Humanities (HL). Students will learn a range of new skills and develop upon their existing knowledge to help further prepare them for their GCSEs.

### Subject Codes

DL - Digital

HL - Humanities

AL- Art and Design

CL – Cultural Literacy

AC – Active Learning