

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Bank Holiday / Core Routines and Expectations

I wanted to write to you all following the return to the academy with some important information and to provide some clarity around the routines and expectations which have been introduced since the start of the academic year.

Firstly, you will be aware that the Government has announced a Bank Holiday on **Monday 19th September** to mark the funeral of our late Queen Elizabeth II. This means that the academy will be closed to everyone on that date, but will resume on Tuesday 20th September. I was very impressed with the dignity and courtesy shown by students on Friday last week as a response to the news of her passing. If your child has been affected by this news and requires any support in school, please ask them to see a member of staff, or get in touch with the relevant Head of Year.

Secondly, there has been significant feedback on the core routines and expectations which were introduced last week. Many of these routines were already in place last year, and the remaining expectations were added to supplement our ambition to have disruption-free learning across the academy at all times. If students are to fulfil their potential, they must all be given the best chance to succeed in the classroom. These routines and expectations have been rolled out across all Astrea Secondary Academies, fully backed by the Trust Board, and will not be changing.

I am pleased to say that the very large majority of parents have been extremely positive about the changes we have implemented, which are designed to ensure students know exactly where they stand when certain things do or do not happen, and to make sure they have the consistency which is needed to be successful in school. Students likewise have responded superbly to the changes and it is clear to see and hear that the vast majority of them are finding the changes positive. The atmosphere in the academy on the first two full days of school was extremely calm and purposeful, and this is down to students really knuckling down and following these core routines and expectations.

I sincerely hope we can continue to count on your support as parents as we drive to rapidly improve standards in the academy for your children.

Kind regards



Mr J Mitchell
Principal