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19 October 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

This half term has been a busy one and has seen our students make a very positive start to the new school year. I would like to thank parents/carers for their support in this.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23 October 2015	Year 9 School Photographs School closes at 3pm for the Autumn Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 November 2015	School re-opens after the Autumn Half Term Holiday
Thursday 19 November 2015	Parent Review Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm Y11/13 Presentation Evening – 7pm
Friday 18 December 2015	School closes for the Christmas and New Year Holiday
Monday 4 January 2016	School re-opens after the Christmas and New Year Holiday

Website

Reminder to parents/carers, that our website contains information for parents about the Academy. Newsletters, policies and other documentation for parents can be found in the 'Parent Information' section. You can access the website by going to www.ashhillacademy.org.uk.

Communication with parents/carers

So that parents/carers are aware, if the academy needs to let you know about emergency closures, for example in the case of severe weather conditions, this will be done via the academy's website and, where possible, by a Keep Kids Safe text message.

Parents/carers wishing to make contact with staff at the academy via e-mail, please can I ask you to do this via the info@ashhillacademy.org.uk. This is to ensure that safeguarding and confidentiality of information is adhered to.

Breakfast Club

The academy operates a Breakfast Club where students can purchase cereal, toast, bacon/sausage baps and healthy drinks. This operates every day from 8am to 8.25am.

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Uniform

During assemblies over the last few weeks we have clarified the academy's uniform expectations with all students. Please can you support us in ensuring that students **do not bring hooded tops, branded sports tops or tracksuit tops to school**. These items will be confiscated if students are seen wearing them. We are happy for our students to wear an appropriate winter style coat over their blazer if they so wish. Students may also wear a plain black v neck jumper under their blazer as part of their uniform.

Bags

We expect our students to bring a suitable school bag to school every day. Students will be issued one to loan if they fail to bring their own. Please support us by ensuring that your child is equipped with the following every day: **a bag, planner, pen, pencil, ruler and rubber**.

Parent Review Evening

On Thursday 19 November, the academy is holding a Parent Review Evening from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Please can you ensure that your son/daughter makes an appointment for you to meet with his/her form tutor. If you are unable to attend on this day, please make contact with us to make alternative arrangements.

Year 11 Intervention

Attached to this letter is a Year 11 Intervention Timetable and Key Dates for our Year 11 students. If you require any further details, please make contact with Mr N Cairns (Vice Principal).

Alumni Network

We are in the process of setting up our very own alumni network. This is a great way for past students to stay in touch with what is happening at the academy, and to be given the opportunity to work with some of our students. We also aim to arrange social events for our alumni members in the future. The sign-up process is very quick and easy. All you need to do is go to the web address below and enter a few details. If you know any past students who might be interested in joining the network, please could you pass on this information to them.

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/ashhill>

Education Advisory Board (EAB)

When we became an Academy, the Board of Governors changed to an Education Advisory Board (EAB). The role of an EAB member is the same as was the case for a Governor. There is now a vacancy for a parent EAB member. Please make contact with us via info@ashhillacademy.org.uk if you are interested in learning more about this.

Yours faithfully

D. WILLIAMS
Principal