

23rd October 2018

- **We close for half-term on Friday 26th October at the normal time**
- **We re-open on Monday 5th November at the normal time**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the first half-term draws to an end, I would like to thank parents/carers for the continued support you have shown in working with us to support your children. We have made positive strides with attendance and punctuality. We are continuing to remind all young people of our expectations of behaviour. We expect them to take full responsibility for their actions, and ensure their own learning and the learning of others is not impacted upon due to misbehaviour.

We have welcomed our new Year 10 and 12 pupils to Waverley Studio College. We are full in year 10. Many of our Year 11 from last year have decided to stay with us for their Level 3 courses. Our sixth form has grown significantly from previous years. The majority of our pupils have made a positive start to the year and are on track to succeed.

Year 13 are applying for their university places and are visiting university open days. Last year, our Year 13 pupils applied to a wide range of universities and courses, including Pharmacy, Biochemistry, Accountancy and Nursing.

Year 11 are working hard towards the upcoming mock exams, they should have a revision plan in place. Intervention classes have started, you can find out more about these on Learning Review Day (8th November).

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

	Monday 12/11/18	Tuesday 13/11/18	Wednesday 14/11/18	Friday 16/11/18	Monday 19/11/18	Tuesday 20/11/18
AM		Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES 09:00-10:30	Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES 09:00-10:30	English Language Paper 2 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES 09:00-10:45	Maths Paper 3 Calculator 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES 09:00-10:30	English Literature Paper 1 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES 09:00-10:45
PM	Science Paper 1 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES 13:45- 15:15	English Language Paper 1 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES 13:45-15:30	Science Paper 2 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES 13:45- 15:15		Science Paper 3 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES 13:45- 15:15	

Key stage 4 visit to the NEC Skills Show (15th November)

We will be taking our Key stage 4 pupils to the NEC Skills Show on the 15th of November 2018. The Skills Show is the nation's largest skills and careers event, helping to shape the future of a new generation, by helping young people to go further, faster in their careers. This event provides 'Have a Go' experiences that inspire young people to explore careers, and motivates them to find out more about the world of work.

Independent careers advisers and other experts will be available to give up to date impartial 1:1 advice and guidance on all routes into jobs from live job vacancies, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

Year 12 and 13 GCSE English and Mathematics Exams

I have attached the schedule for GCSE English and Mathematics Exams for Year 12 and 13 pupils. Year 12 and 13 pupils who are retaking these courses should ensure they are prepared for these exams. Achieving at least a grade 4 in these subjects is essential for these courses.

Year 12 and 13 GCSE English and Maths Exams		
Date	Start time	Components
Mon 5 Nov, 2018	08:45	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1
Tue 6 Nov, 2018	08:45	MATHS PAPER 1
Wed 7 Nov, 2018	08:45	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
Thu 8 Nov, 2018	08:45	MATHS PAPER 2
Mon 12 Nov, 2018	08:45	MATHS PAPER 3

Issues around McDonalds (Belchers Lane)

Members of the community and the local police have raised their concerns around the anti-social behaviour displayed by a number of young people, by the McDonalds area on Belchers Lane and in the alleyway behind McDonalds. This area is also an area of particular interest to the police in regards to suspected drug dealing and drug use. We have informed all of our young people of these dangers and for them not to hang around this area. Please reinforce this message. **We will be applying sanctions to any young people who bring Waverley Studio College into disrepute by their actions inside or outside of the building.** Any illegal activity will be reported to the police. Please ensure your children are going straight home from college and not causing concern to members of our community.

Learning Review Evenings

We have a collective responsibility in supporting/motivating and keeping our young people on track. From my experience, young people will always benefit from knowing that the teachers and parents are working together alongside them to help them improve their grades and behaviour. Please do your best to attend your child's Learning Review Evening. **The next Learning Review Evening is on 8th November 2018.**

Homework and Sam Learning

All Key stage 4 pupils have been issued with a homework schedule. I have asked teachers to contact parents directly where there are concerns with homework not being completed. It is important that no learning is missed in order to give you child the best chance to achieve. All Key stage 4 pupils have been issued with login details for Sam Learning. Please explore this with your children. It is used for homework and revision. **In response to parent demand, all subject areas have set up homework support clubs (see below), please encourage your children to make use of these.**

<u>Monday</u> 3.45-4-45	<u>Tuesday</u> 3.45-4-45	<u>Wednesday</u> 3.45-4-45	<u>Thursday</u> 3.45-4-45
<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Business/ICT/Health social/R.E</u>	<u>Science</u>

Mobile Phones

In line with our Mobile Phone Policy, all mobile phones need to be handed in during form time and collected at the end of the day to avoid any distractions during the school day. **Any phones not handed in will be kept by staff for a period of two weeks.**

Uniform

Please ensure your child is coming into college with the correct uniform. We want our pupils to look the part and take pride in their appearance. Trainers are not part of our uniform; where medical reasons force a child to wear trainers, a medical note from a GP must be provided. Uniform infringements will lead to sanctions being applied.

Punctuality

Please support us in promoting the importance of punctuality by ensuring your child arrives to college on time. **Pupils should be in college at 08:35**, because form begins at 08:40. Detentions will be issued where lateness occurs. We are preparing our children for the world of work and we will continue to take punctuality seriously. I will be writing to parents for their support where we have ongoing concerns with punctuality of a child.

Contacting the college

On occasions, you may need to contact the college. For general enquiries and in regards to attendance, please telephone 0121 566 6622. If you wish to speak with a Director of Pupil Well-Being/ Learning Coach, please contact the general enquiries number and a member of the team will contact you as soon as possible. If you have an issue to discuss further that you have been unable to resolve please email enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk. Your email will be referred to the most appropriate member of staff, who will contact you to discuss, with a view of resolving the matter as soon as possible.

Attendance/absence and medical appointments

At Waverley Studio College we believe that excellent attendance and punctuality is the key to success. Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year and the Government advises that **students' attendance should be at least 95%**. If your child is absent to college we require you to call in every day of their absence. When your child returns to college, the expectation is that a note is provided for any absence that is signed by you. We appreciate hospital appointments cannot be changed, but we seem to be having a high number of children going to the dentist, doctors etc. Collecting children for appointments, or children arriving after appointments, disrupts the whole class. Please note, the office staff will need to see appointment cards/letters to authorise absence and please notify the college at least 24 hours in advance.

A number of our families have been fined recently for taking children out on unauthorised holiday during term time. We will continue to issue fines where this occurs.

Behaviour

At Waverley Studio College, we are also committed to promoting and developing the moral values and ethos as a college, to support each child in making the right choices and informed decisions to be responsible members of our college community. We will continue to apply sanctions where appropriate as per the Behaviour Policy, please help us to support your child by reminding them about the purpose of their time at Waverley Studio College. The role of the teacher is very similar to that of a parent whilst they are with us, and we will continue to support our young people in understanding the consequences of their actions.

Thank you as always for your continued support and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Ijaz Muhammad
Head of School