



Tudor Grange Academy
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December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to update you on some key items.

Staff Changes

After 12 years at Tudor Grange, Mr Goodwin, Curriculum Leader for Science, has secured a promotion and will be leaving us at the end of term. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Sheldrake, one of our Computer Science and ICT teachers. We wish them both well in their new roles.

Mrs Love is taking over as Curriculum Leader for Science for the remainder of the Academic year and we are also welcoming Mr Bennett to the science department and Mr Cox to the English department in January.

Miss Blakeley and Mrs Peters have both started their maternity leave during this term. We wish them both well for their new arrivals.

Mrs Jackson returns from her maternity leave on 19th December and has secured a promotion as Curriculum Leader for MFL.

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of term is Thursday 20th December and this will be our Christmas Jumper Day. The whole school will be taking part, with everyone getting the chance to wear their favourite festive knits for the day in place of their blazers.

We're asking students to make a £1 donation, or whatever they can give, to help our chosen charities of Save the Children and The Royal British Legion.

The usual high standards of behaviour and conduct will be expected on this day and the regulations regarding mobile phones will remain unchanged.

During this day, students will attend their normal lessons and will therefore require their books and usual equipment but will all have the opportunity to join in with the festive fun and watch our Tudor Grange staff talent show.



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New Term

We return to school on Monday 7th January 2019 with a normal start time of 8.35am.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that staff will be involved in INSET days on Friday 25th and Monday 28th January, therefore the Academy will be closed to students on these days.

Uniform Reminders

Students at the Academy have maintained exceptionally high standards of uniform in the first term and I would like to thank you for your support with this.

There are a minority of students (boys) who are not following the regulations with regard to their haircuts and I would like to ask you to support the Academy in ensuring that boys do not have their hair cut below a grade 2 either at the end of term or at the start of the new term. Students who arrive at the Academy with hair that does not meet the regulations will be sanctioned and will lose their social time at break time and lunchtime.

Parent Forum

The minutes of the latest parent forum meeting, which was held on Thursday 22nd November and chaired by our Parent Governors, can be found on the Academy website in the Parent Post section on our home page: <https://www.solihull.tgacademy.org.uk/>.

Safety Advice from the Police

On the reverse of this letter I have included advice from the police to help students stay safe over the Christmas break. Please take some time to share this with your children at home.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your families a restful and joyous holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Claire Smith
Principal



Street Robbery

Offenders target victims for items such as mobile phones, cash and bikes by threatening them to part with their valuables.

There are some general street safety tips you can follow to help you feel safer and reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

- Listen to your instincts - if you don't feel safe move to a busier area.
- Know your route and avoid badly-lit streets.
- Always try and tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back.
- If you take a different route home from your friends, let each other know that you've arrived safely. Call or text your friend once you arrive home safely.
- Carry your bag securely. Put the strap across your body and make sure the fasteners are facing you.
- If you use a cashpoint, try to do so during daylight hours and, wherever possible, use the machines situated inside the building society or bank. If you have to use a cashpoint at night go with a friend and stay alert to other people on the street.
- Avoid carrying your money or phone in your back pocket and never hold it out on display.

Travel

- Keep valuables, especially phones and cash out of sight.
- Wait for the bus, train or at a busy place
- When on a bus or train, sit as near to the driver as you can, avoid sitting upstairs on a bus if possible.

Stay safe

- Be discreet on the street – keep your valuables out of sight.
- Stay alert – don't let headphones block out traffic, strangers or potential trouble.
- Listen to your instincts – know your route, avoid dark places and if you don't feel safe, move to a busier area.
- Trace lost or stolen electrical items by activating their in-built tracker app or by downloading a reputable one from your app store.

If you feel you're in danger

- If you still think you're being followed, try to get away from the situation. If necessary, raise alarm and awareness.
- Seek help from someone such as a shopkeeper or a business open to the public.
- If you are worried, frightened or think you may be in danger, call 999.
- If you are robbed, try to remember as much detail as you can, for example descriptions of offenders and contact us as soon as you can. Don't delay!

If you have any information about robbery offenders you can contact CRIMESTOPPERS anonymously on 0800 555 111

