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Dear Parent / Carer

As we reach the end of half term, I wanted to write with some updates and a joint message from the school and West Midlands police.

### Staff changes

Mrs McGillicuddy (Art) returned from her maternity leave this half term. Mrs Bargh (Curriculum Leader for Maths) returns after half term. We are delighted to welcome them both back.

Miss Leech and Mrs Cotterrell (Behaviour Support Managers) are leaving us this half term to move to new roles. During their time at TGAS they have provided invaluable support to our students and I know that many families have been grateful for their input. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles. During the final half term the behaviour hub will not be open to students unless they are attending timetabled lessons. I will write again in the summer term with details of arrangements for the new academic year.

### Uniform update

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our current uniform expectations. Maintaining high standards of uniform is important to us and so we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child's uniform meets expectations for the final half term.

I will continue to issue reminders about changes to the uniform policy that will be in effect from September 2021. Please ensure that you have read the updated policy and are clear on the expectations from September. In particular, the requirement that no jewellery will be permitted from September.

### Year 11 and 13

We are so proud of our Year 11 and 13 students who have worked so hard to prepare for assessments and have now completed all work required for their GCSEs and A Levels. We are tentatively planning their end of year celebration events and are hopeful that they can celebrate the end of their exam years in style at the Prom events in July.

### Arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays

Please continue to use the LFD tests during the half term break and report results via the NHS website and School Screener. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 it is important that you report this to our dedicated email address [positivetest@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:positivetest@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk) as soon as possible. This is especially important if your child has attended school in the risk assessment period (48 hours prior to symptoms starting or 48 hours before a positive test if asymptomatic) so that we can identify close contacts.





### Guidance from TGAS and West Midlands Police

We work closely with the police and are reassured that Solihull remains a safe place for young people to socialise. Statistics shared with us show that crime against young people remains very low. They have asked that we issue the following reminders to families / children prior to the half term break:

- Students should be reminded to make positive behaviour choices outside of school and consider any potential consequences of their actions.
- There are a number of vacant buildings in Solihull at the moment. Students should be reminded not to enter these buildings as they may not be safe.
- Keep valuables out of sight (for example keeping phones in pockets / bags and keeping air pods out of ears when not in use).
- Always lock bikes up using a good quality bike lock (or two). When seated at the park, consider locking your bike (even if within your sight) so it cannot be ridden away.
- Phones, air pods and bikes are the most common items stolen from young people. Remind students to make sure they are not an easy target.
- Consider your location. Park areas are the most common sites of robbery due to there being less people about and lower CCTV coverage.
- Finally, if you do witness a crime, don't be afraid to dial 999.

### Dates for your diary

Next half term dates and events can be found [here](#). May we remind you that an Inset day is planned for Thursday 10 June.

### Updated Guidance following lifted restrictions

The latest guidance from gov.uk on the government's roadmap out of lockdown can be found [here](#), this came into effect on 17 May.

### Finally

We are planning ahead to the new academic year with excitement and looking forward to resuming the activities that make schools such wonderful places to be. Sports, music, concerts, trips and extra-curricular clubs have all been limited over the last 18 months and we hope that 2021/22 will see the return of a full programme of TGAS events. Work has now started on the 3G Astro Pitch and we hope that this will be ready for students to benefit from in September.

Thank you for your continued support this half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Smith  
Principal

