



Tudor Grange Academy Solihull
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Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our students back to school. From the new Year 7 students to the young adults entering our sixth form in Year 12, it has been a pleasure to see them start the new term with positivity and demonstrating the Tudor Habits and Values that are so integral to the culture of the Academy.

Your child may have mentioned that we experienced a significant leak in the Oak Building today, which resulted in several classrooms being temporarily closed. As a result, a number of lessons were relocated, assembly arrangements were adjusted, and access to some stairwells was restricted while we ensured the area remained safe. I am pleased to say that our students responded exceptionally well to the changes, showing the resilience, maturity and flexibility that we are always proud to see. Our site team and contractors are continuing to work hard to resolve the issue as quickly as possible, and we will keep families informed of any further developments that may affect the school day.

This week, I held assemblies for Year 7 – 13 and issued them with some updates and some key reminders about the year ahead. In this letter, I want to share some of those same messages with you as well as provide you with some key updates.

College Structure

At the start of the year, we always remind students of the college structure and ensure that they know who their College Leader and College Intervention Co-ordinators (CIC) are. The CICs are (non-teaching) staff who support the College Leader to provide academic and pastoral (including safeguarding) support.

For your information, we also have a dedicated administrator for each college. Details of this can be seen in the structure below so that you can familiarise yourself with the college team for your child(ren). The first port of call for communication should always be your child's form tutor who will re-direct the query if necessary. Extension numbers for the college administrators are also provided so that you access the relevant staff on the telephone if needed.

To contact us by telephone, please call 0121 705 5100 and listen to the options. Press 1 for student services and the following extensions for the college administrators:

5263 – Miss Powell (Mirzakhani college)
5231 – Ms Lam (Hawking)
5275 – Miss Khalil (Turing)
5262 – Mrs Bishop (Austen)
5292 – Ms Lau (Duleep)
5265 – Mrs Tolladay (Owens)



For non-urgent queries, you can email us at office@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk and clearly state your child's name and tutor group as well as who the email is for. Please do not hesitate to get back in touch if you have not had a response within 48 hours (during the school week).

 MIRZAKHANI	 HAWKING	 TURING	 AUSTEN	 DULEEP	 OWENS
College Leaders					
 Mr M Boyle	 Miss L Murphy	 Mrs J Fitzroy	 Miss E Pugh	 Mrs J Bargh	 Ms B De Salis
Intervention Co-ordinators and Safeguarding Team					
 Vacancy	 Ms Khalil	 Miss Harriman	 Mr Stringfellow	 Mrs Sexton	 Mrs Payley
Administrators					
 Miss Powell	 Ms Lam	 Miss Khalil	 Mrs Bishop	 Ms Lau	 Mrs Tolladay

Uniform

We are extremely proud of the high standards of uniform our students uphold. The vast majority of our students have returned looking incredibly smart this year. Thank you for your support with this. During uniform checks over the last couple of weeks, we have noted some issues in the following areas and would ask for your support to rectify this as soon as possible.

- Students in Years 7 – 11 should have a coloured blazer strip indicating their year group. In the case of misplaced / damaged strips, spares can be purchased from student services for £1 (we have a small supply with more on order). The colours for each year group are as follows:

Year 7	Gold
Year 8	Purple
Year 9	Green
Year 10	Red
Year 11	Silver

- Skirts for all students (including sixth form) should not be shorter than 5cm above the knee. Please check that your child's skirt meets this requirement.
- False eyelashes and nail extensions should not be worn.
- Students are not permitted to wear shorts / jogging bottoms under their school trousers.
- Jewellery is not permitted for students in Years 7 – 11.

Uniform checks take place regularly in tutor time and you can monitor whether your child has been spoken to about their uniform by checking their SMART card which should be kept in their blazers at all times.



Equipment

We are grateful for your support in helping your child come to school each day ready to learn. Being properly equipped helps students to be prepared, organised, and ready to engage fully in lessons. It reduces unnecessary disruptions, builds independence, and supports a positive learning environment for everyone. Please find a link to our equipment list [here](#). Please note that students are not permitted to bring scissors, compasses or tippex into school.

PTA

We are extremely grateful to the PTA for their ongoing hard work in providing extra funding for the school which has helped a range of departments in recent years. This area of the [website](#) includes information about the PTA, including a summary of recent purchases. We would be particularly keen to hear from parents / carers who would be willing to join this group – even giving a small amount of time would be much appreciated. Please email your interest to PTA@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk.

Open Evening

We are planning our open evening event for Thursday 1st October 2026. To prepare for the event (including a deep clean), students will finish school at 2pm on that day.

Student planners

Every year, we make some changes to the student planner based on student and parent feedback. Please continue to check the planner on a regular basis, in particular the pages where merits and reminders are recorded. It would be helpful if families were able to spend some time reiterating some of the important information in the planners.

In the planner you will find the behaviour routines we expect students to follow in lessons and around the school. Teachers have spent time at the beginning of the term going through these expectations, and we would appreciate if you would reiterate these messages at home. We also think that these pages will provide a useful reference point if you need to speak to your child about particular issues throughout the year. The safeguarding page provides information on how children can get support when required. Finally, please take the time to read through the equality and diversity pledge which can be found near the front of the planner.

Homework and Satchel One

Homework is set on a regular basis by all subjects at the Academy as a vital part of the learning process. The platform we use to set homework should enable you to stay informed and involved in your child's education. It gives you a transparent overview of homework including details of tasks set and deadlines. If you / your child have lost your password details, you can easily reset this by using the 'Forgotten Password' link on the website, [Satchel One](#). If this does not resolve the issue, please contact Student Services via email / telephone and they will be able to help you. Year 7 and new Year 12 students have all received their log in details in the first academic week.

Supporting Punctuality at the Start of the School Year

As we begin the new school year and establish routines, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time.



In the first few days, a number of students arrived after 8:30am and received late marks. When asked at the late gate, most students cited traffic or waking up late as the reason for their lateness. We would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to plan ahead - setting an earlier alarm and allowing extra time for their journey, especially on wet or busy mornings.

Please note that Tudor Grange Academy is a large site. Arriving at the gate at 8:30am does not allow enough time for students to reach their tutor rooms, which may be located some distance away and up several flights of stairs. Students should aim to arrive earlier to ensure they are seated and ready for registration at 8:30am.

Lateness affects not only the individual student but also the wider learning environment. It delays the start of morning sessions, disrupts others, and can result in missed messages or important information.

We would be grateful if you could speak with your child about the importance of punctuality. We will continue to monitor attendance closely over the coming weeks.

Local community

We want to ensure that we are good neighbours to those that live locally to the Academy and each year we remind students of the importance of good conduct on their journey to and from school. **We would also like to remind parents / carers that they should not be parking or waiting in restricted areas. In particular, we would ask that cars are not blocking drives or waiting on yellow lines on Dingle Lane as this is regularly raised as an issue by our neighbours and is dangerous for the many students crossing the road at the end of the school day.**

If you are collecting your child on foot, please arrange a meeting place away from the school gates. A large number of people around this area restricts viewing when crossing the roads and can be dangerous

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite you to our first community event of the year, our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Further information will be shared next week but please do save the date – Friday 25th September (9.30am – 12noon).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming term at the various events planned.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Smith
Principal