

6th November 2017

JCO/VLU/Module2Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

As we begin Module 2, I write with an update on the developments of Module 1 and to inform you of some of our key events in Module 2.

We are pleased to inform you that the changes to the timings of the Academy day introduced in September have proven to be a great success with the one hour lessons ensuring improved pace and engagement in lessons, with staff, students and external visitors commenting on an increased sense of purpose and learning across the Academy. We have also had a focus on punctuality to lessons and to the Academy in the morning. A reminder that all students should be on site by 8:20am ready to start learning at 8:30am or a detention will be set. We do take account of traffic issues and if you face a particular difficulty then please write a note in your child's planner or telephone your child's College Admin Office.

In Module 1 we also celebrated our summer examination results with GCSE scores matching national averages in English and Mathematics and many other subjects exceeding previous years. We still have several appeals and challenges lodged with the Department for Education regarding our Progress 8 measure and we will share our validated score with you in due course. Our Post 16 students achieved our best ever Level 3 results and we are excited that this year we have been accredited as a 'World School' by the International Baccalaureate Organisation and we are delivering an array of IB diplomas alongside the traditional A Levels and BTECs. Our current Year 11 and Year 13 will be taking their Pre-Public (mock) examinations in the weeks beginning 13th and 20th November.

We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended our Information Evenings in September as well as our Parent Tutor and Parent Teacher days. The partnership between home and academy is vital as we all work together to ensure that each young person is supported to achieve their potential.

In Module 2 we will be holding our Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November, celebrating Dickens Day on 15th December as well as Anti-bullying fortnight from 13th to 24th November. We will hold a range of assemblies, external speakers, workshops, and themed lessons aiming to promote equality and understanding and ensure that all young people understand that bullying of any kind is not tolerated at The Leigh, in our community or on social media. Parents can support us with this by discussing the theme "all different, all equal" at home and checking their child's online use. There are also resources on the National Anti-bullying week website, <http://www.antibullyingweek.co.uk/>. which parents may find useful.

We are proud to be opening the Milestone @ The Leigh satellite provision on Monday 6th November. We are welcoming students and staff from Milestone Academy who will be working within this specialist provision on our site. We hope that students will become fully included in whole academy events and celebrations and become an inclusive part of our Leigh community.

We have developed our Behaviour for Learning Policy further with the introduction of the Curriculum Resources Centre (CRC). This is an additional intervention that can be used for students who have been internally excluded due to their behaviour. Students in the CRC will work under supervision away from their classmates for an agreed period of time. Further details will be given to parents/carers whose child receives this intervention.

The new College Leadership structure introduced this year, with Heads of College and Assistant Heads of College, working with the existing SSMs has strengthened the College support for staff and students and ensures our robust leadership team is fully focused on providing the support required for each young person to be the very best that they can be.

I am sure that you would wish to join me in thanking Ms McGill for her dedication to The Leigh over the last 5 years and give her our very best wishes as she commences her maternity leave.

Thank you for your continued support, the partnership between home and The Leigh Academy is vital to your child's success. If you would like to join the Leigh Academy Parents' Group, the next meeting is on Monday 20th November at 6:30pm, further details on our website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Collins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julia Collins
Academy Principal