

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of my first half term as Principal of The Open Academy, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the past eight weeks. It has been a busy and productive start to the academic year, and I have been immensely proud of how our students have responded to the high expectations we have set together.

This week we have been celebrating those students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to our values. Pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this half term, and those with no negative behaviour points, were rewarded with a special breakfast celebration and a film screening to recognise their excellent attitude and contribution to our school community. Congratulations to all who took part – your consistency and effort set a great example to others.

A reminder that the academy will close for the half term break from Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3rd November.

Year 11 Pre Public Examinations

When we return, our Year 11 students will begin their first round of PPEs (mock exams). These are an important opportunity to demonstrate progress and identify areas for further focus in preparation for the summer GCSE examinations.

Below is the full schedule for the November PPE series:

WEEK A	PERIOD	Mon 17th Nov	Tues18th Nov	Wed 19th Nov	Thurs 20th Nov	Fri 21st Nov
9:05-10:05	1		English Literature 2hr 15min 8.50am - 11.10am		Photography All Day	
10:05-10:25	Yr 11 Break					
10:30-11:30	2	Maths Non Calculator 1 hr 30 min		Combined Science Paper 1 1 hr 15 min		Combined Science Paper 2 1 hr 15 min
11:30-12:30	3					
12:30-13:00	Y11 Lunch					
13:00-14:30	4	Food Tech 1 hr 45 min DT 2 hrs Computer Science Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	History Paper 1 1hr 45 min Geography Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	Religious Studies Christianity 1 hr 45 min		German Listening 1 hour
14:00-15:00	5					German Reading 1 hour

WEEK B	PERIOD	Mon 24th Nov	Tues 25th Nov	Wed 26h Nov	Thurs 27th Nov	Fri 28th Nov
9:05-10:05	1				Art All Day Sport 10.30 - 12.30	
10:05-10:25	Y11 Break					
10:30-11:30	2	Maths Calculator 1hr 30 mins	English Language 2 hours	Religious Studies Islam 1hr 45 min		Combined Science Paper 3 1hr 15 min
11:30-12:30	3					
12:30-13:00	Y11 Lunch					
13:00-14:00	4	Enterprise and marketing 1 hr 15 mins Sport 1 hr	German Writing 1 hr 20 mins	Child Development 1 hr 30 mins Computer Science Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins		History Paper 2 1 hr Geography Paper 2 1 hr
14:00-15:00	5					

Students should ensure they arrive promptly each day, fully equipped, and ready to give their best. The experience gained during these exams will be invaluable as we move into the second half of the autumn term.

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 4th November

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents and carers into the academy for our Parents' Evening on Tuesday 4th November. This is an important opportunity to meet subject teachers, discuss progress, and explore how best to support students as they move through the start of their GCSE courses.

I want to thank our families once again for your continued partnership. The progress being made is a shared effort, and I am grateful for the warmth and positivity I've experienced from students, staff, and parents alike.

I wish all our students and families a safe, restful, and enjoyable half-term break.

With best wishes
Dan Bagshaw
Principal