

Principal's Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers

This week I have been genuinely impressed by the focus and commitment our students have shown in their learning. Walking around classrooms and corridors, I have seen young people engaging positively with their lessons, working hard, and striving to meet our high expectations.

Our start-of-day routines continue to set a strong and purposeful tone for the day ahead. Students are lining up in their form groups before coming into school calmly, quietly and in correct uniform. These seemingly small habits create the conditions for great learning and a positive school atmosphere throughout the day.

I would also like to recognise the dedication and care our students show towards their school. This week we received a fantastic number of applications for our student leadership roles. The quality of the submissions has been extremely high, and it is clear how much pride our students take in representing The Open Academy. We will be making some difficult decisions over the coming days as we shortlist and appoint our new student leaders.

Finally, a date for your diary: our Open Evening for Year 6 families takes place on **Wednesday 24 September**. This is a key opportunity for us to showcase our Academy to prospective students and their families. To allow staff to prepare the site and activities for the evening, the school day will end slightly earlier for students on that day, at **2:00 pm**. We will remind students and families closer to the date.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a positive culture at The Open Academy. Together, we are making great strides in building a school our community can be proud of.

With best wishes for the weekend

Dan Bagshaw
Principal