

21st April 2023



Dear Parents

I hope you and your family had a good break over the Easter period and enjoyed some family time together. We have had a great start to the summer term this week. Year 10 students have completed their Work Experience week and we have received some very good feedback from employers, so well done to all Year 10 students.

Earlier this week I received our final Ofsted report which I have attached for you to read. The inspection report confirms that **'Sarum Academy continues to be a good school'** which, as you can imagine, I am delighted about. Our school community – students, staff, families and local community - should be very proud.

As it was a section 8 inspection the report is quite short, so will only take a minute for you to read. The report starts:

"Sarum Academy is a welcoming school. Pupils are safe and happy. They enjoy school. Staff set clear expectations for pupils. Pupils understand these and respond positively to them"

Thank you for all the positive feedback to Ofsted during the parental survey as well.

Further industrial action

You will have seen in the news that NEU members have arranged two more strike days this term. The dates for these are Thursday, 27th April and Tuesday, 2nd May. As we are so close to the exam season we will continue to have Year 11 and Year 13 students in school preparing for these examinations. Any student who has an EHCP or attends ReStart provision is welcome to attend as well.

If you have a child in another year group and the strike action causes your family significant issues, we may be able to support you. If this is the case please email my PA Mrs Bonner sarah.bonner@sarumacademy.org with the details.

Communication

We have previously sent letters and reminders out via a number of methods, however, feedback from parents is they would prefer not to have duplicate information as you read the same information more than once. With this in mind ALL communication will now be via ClassCharts. Please save this app in an obvious place on devices and set so you can see notifications. Mrs Dixon will be contacting the small proportion of parents who do not regularly use ClassCharts, so we can support with this.

CCTV

In order to ensure a safe environment, over Easter we have upgraded the CCTV cameras and now have good quality cameras covering the Academy, including the entrances to toilets (not into the toilet areas of course).

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There is a national concern that young people are managing to buy and use e-cigarettes (vapes) and although there is very little evidence yet, it is thought these could be harmful to young people. I would like to remind you that vapes are a banned item from school and will be confiscated.

New Behaviour Policy

We launched our new Behaviour Policy on Monday and students have responded incredibly well. Please do keep a close eye on ClassCharts, so you can see how your child is behaving in school. Well done to all students who have achieved a large number of positive points this week.

Enrichment

Extra-curricular enrichments have now started and your child is very welcome to attend any sessions they would like to. The enrichments change each term; please encourage your child to take part in some after-school activities if it is possible. There is no charge for any session and no need to sign up in advance.

Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff
Football Sports Hall	CLA & PEA	Darts Fitness Suite	PRA	Fitness Fitness Suite	BAT
KS3 Jewellery Making Dining	LEY	Athletics Outside	PEC	Cricket Sports Hall	PRA
Ensemble Club Music	COR	Film Club P4	HAZ	Science Club SC2	GOU
Lego Club Activities Studio	ROC	Art Club AR2	SHI	Computer Club A1	ROS
		Coding Club A1	External		
		Card Club A2	MDD		
		Retro Games Club MU4	FIL		
		Warhammer Club Art Petal 3:00-4:30	JON		

GCSE and A Levels

The formal GCSE and A Level examinations commence in three weeks time. The whole school community will be supporting them. If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13 I am sure you are supporting them to work hard. Please do get in touch if we can do anything else to support.

Term 5 dates

25th - 26th April 2023

27th April 2023

27th - 28th April 2023

1st May 2023

2nd May 2023

2nd - 4th May 2023

8th May 2023

9th - 11th May 2023

15th May 2023

16th May 2023

22nd May – 25th May 2023

26th May 2023

5th June 2023

GCSE Art Exam

NEU Strike Day

GCSE Photography Exam / DofE Bronze Expedition

Bank Holiday

NEU Strike Day / Year 11 BTEC Performance

A Level Art Exam

Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation

A Level Photography Exam

GCSE and A Level Exams begin

Peripatetic Music Performance

KS3 Assessment (years 7, 8 and 9) – in class

Close of Term 5 / Non-uniform day for the British Heart Foundation

Commence Term 6

More details for all events will be sent home via email two weeks ahead of the date. If you would like a paper copy then please do email enquiries@sarumacademy.org or pop into the main office.

For any other queries the best person to contact is usually your child's tutor via ClassCharts.

If you would like to meet with me at all then please do get in touch via email or call the Academy Office between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mrs J Moore
Headteacher