

8th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, I was appointed as Associate Executive Principal in Northern Leaders Trust last summer and I have predominantly been based at Studio West since September.

Leading Studio West is an enormous privilege that means a great deal to me. It is a very special school and the students and staff work together on a daily basis to make as much academic and social progress as possible. We want education here to open doors that students could never have imagined are possible. I am immensely proud of our fantastic students who are the heartbeat of this excellent school.

I am delighted to announce some changes to our Senior Leadership Team. After being appointed prior to half term, Mr Knowles has started with us as Principal of Studio West. Mr Knowles is a very experienced Principal, who will lead school on a day-to-day basis, with my support. In addition, Mrs Bell and Mrs Malik have been promoted in positions of Vice Principal and Assistant Principal respectively, both have impressed me greatly since my arrival and thoroughly deserve this opportunity. Mr Murphy will join us after Christmas as Assistant Principal and these leaders will make up the highly skilled Leadership Team alongside Mr Dryden, Mr Blythe and Mr Mills.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support in helping us provide the highest possible quality of education to all of our students. As I am sure you will appreciate, every school needs a safe and purposeful environment for this to take place, the high standards and expectations we have of all our students allow us to deliver this and parental support is vital. Please can you continue to support us in the following areas:

Attendance and Punctuality

We are all aware of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Education at Studio West is too good to miss, and this is why we are constantly trying to raise standards and improve the life chances of all students. Please continue to ensure your child attends school each day and is on time.

Uniform

Our students look smart and professional and are a credit to the local community. I would like to thank families for their continued support in allow us to raise standards for all students. Please can we remind you that a blazer is now part of the Studio West uniform. Please speak to your Year Leader should you require any support with uniform.

Standards at Studio West

We massively appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping us embed the highest possible standards at Studio West. All of our amazing students deserve a safe and positive environment to learn in. As part of this pledge to families, we have the highest expectations of our students and support our students in becoming considerate, respectful and engaged members of the school community. We thank parents and students for supporting our rules around mobile phones not being allowed in school and enabling us to deliver the highest possible standards.

Dates for your Diary

Year 11 Revision Evening: a *Fish and Tips* workshop has been arranged for all Year 11 students and their Parents/ Carers to go through what to expect and how to prepare for upcoming GCSEs on the evening of **15th November 2023**. Further information will be provided in a separate letter.

Y8 Parents' Evening and Awards Ceremony: this has been arranged for the evening of **23rd November 2023**. Your Parent Cloud appointment log in link will be emailed out soon.

PSHE Information Evening: as explained in the recent email from Mrs Bell, all Parents and Carers have been invited to an information evening to help you understand what is being taught in our Personally, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) lessons on **21st November, 5-6pm**.

I am looking forward to meeting more parents as the academic year continues and thank you as always for your enduring support.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Gordon

Associate Executive Principal