

The Samworth Church Academy



June 2010

As always this is a particularly busy time of the year. We are in the middle of the examination season. For many Year 11 students they have completed most of their exams and many A Level students their exams are just beginning. We had our Ofsted Monitoring Visit in the week before half term. The Academy is preparing to move into our new building and to add to our excitement we have to cope with the ups and downs of a World Cup. This letter will provide information on the following matters;

- A reminder of the Academy closure days during the moving period into our new facilities
- Information for parents regarding the induction arrangements for each of the five schools to the new building/facilities
- Feedback from the Ofsted Monitoring Visit on 25th and 26th May
- Information on arrangements for the publication and collection of external examination results
- Arrangements for June 23rd (the date of England's final World Cup group game)
- Other news

Information for parents relating to the induction arrangements for each of the five schools relating to the new building/facilities

Outlined below are the times that have been set aside for introducing our students to our new facilities and providing all the information that they will need for a successful transition. Students should only attend on the day and time that has been allocated to their individual school. These arrangements will mean

that all students can have a tour of the new building, meet their tutors and go through all the details as to how the Academy will operate in its new facilities. Students should arrive a few minutes earlier as the information sessions will begin at the times below. Each session is expected to last for

approximately two hours. Lunch will not be available for students. Students should not attend at any other time during these two days. We will be communicating with students directly so that they are very clear about the arrangements.

Date	9.00 am	11.00 am	1.00 pm
Thursday 15 th July	Hardwick	Rufford	Welbeck
Friday 16 th July	Sherwood	Newstead	

Feedback from our Ofsted Monitoring Visit on 25th and 26th May 2010

All Academies receive an Ofsted Monitoring Visit during their second year. Our visit took place just before half term. The purpose of the visit is to report on the progress we and our students are making since the Academy opened in September 2008. We were very pleased with the monitoring inspection. It gave clear recognition to the progress we have made and we agree with the inspectors about the priorities for further improvement. For example the report states;

Pupils and students report how much they enjoy their lessons and appreciate the improvements to their learning that are being made.

It also states;

- The Academy has strengthened the pupils' personal development. The most significant improvements have been in their behaviour, attendance and

punctuality and the extent to which they are prepared for the next stage of their education and later life. Pupils feel safe, and are developing healthy lifestyles and the contribution they make to the community is strengthening. This is due in part to the considerable increase in the enrichment and enterprise opportunities provided by the Academy.

It was pleasing that one pupil reported;

- 'The Academy runs much more smoothly and there is no disruption'.

The following provides a fair summary of our successes;

- Teaching has improved since the Academy opened. Academy leaders have ensured a greater consistency in the quality of

lessons.....nearly all lessons are characterised by mutual respect between pupils and adults.

The purpose of the report is also to help us to identify areas for further improvement. As you are aware we are an Academy that believes in continuous improvement and there is no room for complacency. We were pleased that the inspectors agreed that the priorities for further improvement should include:

1. Strengthening outcome in the Sixth Form
2. Strengthening the performance and participation in the life of the Academy of particular groups of pupils
3. Ensuring that leaders and managers at all levels drive and secure further improvements in teaching

Arrangements for 23rd June (the date of England's final World Cup group game)

You are probably aware that England's final World Cup group game kicks off at 3.00pm on the afternoon of Wednesday June 23rd. We recognise that there will be significant interest in this game. We are therefore making different arrangements for that day. This will help to ensure that many football fans do not develop mystery migraines or viral infections on that date. The Academy will finish normal lessons at 2pm on that date. Of course any external examinations

will go ahead as normal. We will also be open to accommodate any students who for whatever reason are unable to go home at this earlier time. If you wish your child to remain at the Academy until the normal finish time please contact the relevant school to inform them of your wishes. Of course we would all

recognise that education on the whole is more important than football but on this occasion we recognise the wide spread interest and know that for many families England matches at the World Cup are a time to get together and share in the fun, hopefully celebrate the result but possibly console each other in disappointment.



Arrangements for the publication and collection of external examination results

A Level results will be distributed to students from 9.30 am on Thursday 19th August 2010 in the new Academy buildings. Students should report to reception in the first instance and will be guided to where the results can be collected.

AS results will be distributed to students from 10.30 am on Thursday 19th August 2010 in the new Academy buildings. Students should report to reception in the first instance and will be guided to where the results can be collected.

GCSE results will be distributed to students from 9.30 am on Tuesday 24th August 2010 in the new Academy buildings. Students should report to reception in the first instance and will be guided to where the results can be collected. It should be noted that this is two days earlier than normal. GCSE results have traditionally been distributed on a Thursday, the results are available two days earlier this year.

Could you please note that until the contractors leave our site, at

the end of the year we are restricted in our car parking facilities. All parents or students should park at the Ravensdale building on the exam results days.



Dance Event



The Eclipse Dance Show held on 10th June was yet again a great success with over 102 pupils taking part. This is a great achievement which is down to the students commitment and also the dedication by the Dance Teachers, Miss Lake and Miss Shaw.

Attitudes in Exams

We have received a number of positive comments from the Examination Invigilators. They have commented on the behaviour of our students which has been noted as excellent and their attitudes. This is a great improvement on previous years and we are really proud of the Year 11 and Year 10 students.

New Timetable

As some of you may be aware the new timetable implementation will start on Monday 21st June and will be issued to students on Friday 18th June. Students will receive a revised timetable (this will include the new

facilities room numbers) on the day of their schools induction. This will help to iron out any issues before the start of term in September.

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Sporting Events

Sporting Events – 18 of the Academy students qualified for the Nottinghamshire School Athletics Champions which took part on Friday 11th June. This led to one student being selected to represent the County at an Inter-County competition, as the student won the Long Jump and came 3rd in the 75m hurdles. We had a student who finished in seventh place at the British Youth Championships Fencing competition. We are very proud that our students are achieving great successes.

Staff Leaving

Staff Leaving – the following staff will not be joining us at the start of the next term (September 2010). We would like you to join us in thanking the following staff for their contribution to the Academy and also to wish they will in the future, as they leave for pastures new;

- Mr Jackson – Science Teacher
- Mr Battersby – Music Teacher
- Mr Johnson – Maths Teacher
- Mr Adebayo—Maths Teacher

Should you have any queries on the information contained within this newsletter then please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.
