



February 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

We have had an excellent start to the Spring term, I can't believe we have reached half term already. We break up on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm as usual. All students will return to school on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February after a Teacher Training Day on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

There is a Year 7 parents' evening on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February from 4:30pm until 7:00pm. Please arrange your appointments through <https://westcoventryacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/> via the school website, if you haven't already.

We also have our annual production of '**Footloose**' coming to a theatre near you very soon. The dates are: Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March; Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7pm. Tickets are on sale in school.

In September 2017 we launched our new 'Ready to Learn' initiative. This is WCA's set of expectations that apply to every student, in every classroom and in every lesson. The core values of 'Ready to Learn' are:

1. to be on time
2. to settle quickly
3. to bring equipment
4. to listen to instructions
5. to take pride in their book and work
6. to complete homework

Our 'Ready to Learn' initiative ensures that expectations are fair, clear and non-negotiable. We have high expectations of all our students, which we know will enable them to maximise their chances of achieving their very best in school.

On our return after the half term break, the main 'R2L' focus will concentrate on **equipment**. We do expect our students to bring, as a minimum, a pen, pencil and ruler. We recommend that students carry a pencil case, which is fully equipped with 2 or more pens, a pencil, ruler, rubber and coloured pencils. If there is an issue with providing the minimum requirement, stationery packs are available in the Classcharts Reward Shop, which students can 'purchase' with reward points they have achieved. Tutors and class teachers will be checking equipment in every lesson after half term and students will be issued with reward points if they have bought in what is required.

Our shared goal is the very best educational experience for all our students, your children. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and commitment to achieving this goal and I look forward to working together successfully.

Yours sincerely

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