



16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Families,

We have managed to pack a great deal into the last 6 weeks and I am proud of the progress we have made as we enter February half term. A personal highlight for me has been writing hundreds of 'thank you' cards (and a bar of chocolate) for students who consistency model our habits day in, day out. When I looked at the achievement logs I realised that we do have an Academy full of the most wonderful young people. Sometimes it gets a little bumpy, but we all accept that teenagers are always a work in progress – they are growing and trying to make sense of the world around them. As the adults – those at home and at school – we try to guide them, remind them and believe in them. The majority of them model our values – excellence, responsibility and compassion – daily and I think it is important to acknowledge that.



The next set of trial exams has started for Year 11 and we have high aspirations for this year group, as we do for all our students. They have been really focused and working hard in lessons. This has been supported by the great turnout for every 'Race to Excellence' intervention session we have run over the last 6 weeks. Although I want all students to rest, I always want Year 11 and 13 students to remember that the summer exams are just around the corner and there is no shortcut to success so they will need to keep revising. Teachers have been running targeted sessions from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and the commitment from students attending should be applauded. Our intervention programme over half-term continues:

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>English</b> 10:00am – 1:00pm RF1	<b>Business</b> 9:00am – 1:00pm HG5	<b>Spanish</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm MF8	<b>Business, DIT and Computer Science</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Business, DIT and Computer Science</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Drama</b> Details have been given by teachers	<b>RE Core, History, Geography</b> 10:00am – 1:00pm	<b>RE Option</b> 10:00am – 1:00pm SF3	<b>Sociology</b> 11:00am – 1:00pm SF3	<b>Science</b> 12:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Business Enterprise</b> 9:00am – 1:00pm HG5				



We will have an early finish on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, with all students leaving at 1.30pm – except Year 11 and some Year 13 students who will be completing an exam. The reason for this is due to staff training focusing on preventing and tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. At Stockwood Park we have a passion to include everyone and a deep desire to **treat everyone equally**. We accept others for who they are and respect differences.

I have also had an opportunity to meet with Luton Council and the organisers of the BBC Big Weekend event in May – this is a fantastic opportunity for the town and I hope many of our students will have the opportunity to be involved. It will obviously involve some disruption, my priority is for students to be able to get to school and return home safely, and for Year 11 students to be able to sit GCSE exams without any added stress. As plans are formalised (particularly road closures) I will keep you updated.

To support families during the half term break, below is a list of places offering free or £1 kid's meals. We understand the challenges families may face and hope this info provides some relief. Remember, you're not alone. Reach out if you need help.

**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024**  
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

<b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes. with no adult spend required.	<b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.
<b>TESCO</b> Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024	<b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants
<b>SAINSBURYS CAFES</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11.30am every day.	<b>PRETO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
<b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	<b>YO! SUSHI</b> From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend
<b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.
<b>GREENE KING PUBS</b> Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024	<b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
<b>TRAVELodge &amp; PREMIER INN</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	<b>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES</b> At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!
<b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	<b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
<b>TGI FRIDAYS</b> Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)	<b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
<b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	<b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
	<b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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I am aware that Ramadan starts for many of our families and is expected to begin on Monday 11th March **2024**, depending on the sighting of the moon. I will send further information nearer the time, in addition to speaking to staff and students. Expectations will remain the same, so please support the Academy in maintaining high standards of attendance and punctuality.

I wish all our students a restful half term. Student return back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – please ensure students arrive on time and adhere to our uniform expectations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Humayun  
Principal