

Sunday 26th February 2023

Dear parent and carer,

I wanted to write to you as many of you will have seen the shocking images on the news and social media surrounding protests where social media has been used as a platform to encourage students to boycott lessons and disrupt learning as much as possible. In some counties, this has led to very dangerous crowding on corridors and balconies.

I wanted to confirm to you that our students, your children, made us exceptionally proud last week on their return from half term, their conduct was polite, calm and orderly. Sir Martyn Oliver, our CEO, visited a couple of weeks ago and commented on how polite, well-mannered and confident our pupils were: they were a credit to themselves.

However, unfortunately some pupils did become involved in such a protest last week, putting the safety of other students and staff at risk, disrupting the learning in the academy. This led to many students feeling unsettled. After the disruption of the Covid lockdown, our examination year groups can ill afford their lessons being stopped at such a vital time. This has been treated with the utmost seriousness as this action ultimately could endanger others. Please discuss this with your children to ensure they value their time in school. If you feel necessary, check your child's social media use to ensure they are not being unduly influenced by social media.

Our academy is a community where all members have equal value and worth. We always encourage our students to contribute actively in shaping the educational experience they and their fellow students receive. Any student in any classroom in any year, has a voice that should be heard and our Student Voice programme facilitates this in our academy. Student Voice sits at the heart of our academy and pupils are encouraged to use their voice in a range of ways to lead the academy forward.

Thank you in advance for your support. As always, school and the home need to work together in the best interests of all our students.

Yours faithfully,



A Crane
Principal