



20 November 2020

Dear Parent

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I write to give you an update on the last few weeks at The Carlton Academy. I would be grateful if you would take the time to read this letter with your child.

As always this half term is a busy one and productive one and we have much to be proud of and celebrate. Over the last few weeks Year 11 have sat their mock exams and we have all been very impressed with the way that students conducted themselves in the run up to these. Mrs Mora will be writing to Year 11 parents with details of how results will be shared.

Last week the school community observed Remembrance Day with a 2-minute silence along with a number of other activities including a special assembly. Last week ended with the whole school supporting Children in Need. To date we have raised a total of nearly £1000 by holding a non-uniform day for students in the main school and Post 16 students wearing 80s and 90s themed fancy day. The highlight of the day was a live bingo event at tutor time which everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy. Thank you for your support with this. The start of Anti-Bullying week was marked with Odd Socks Day and activities took place throughout the week to celebrate and recognise its importance.

From Monday years 10, 11 and Post 16 students will be able to access the front of school for social times with a food offer in the dance studio.

Uniform

Uniform is very good at the moment. I would like to remind you that as we approach the winter months students' coats/jackets should be plain in colour. Hoodies, tracksuit tops or sports coats with logos are not allowed. Fashion coats such as leather/denim jackets or body-warmers are also not permitted. Coats are not worn inside the school building. Headwear should be plain black in colour in line with our uniform policy.

PTFA

The Parent, Teacher and Friends Association met this week for their AGM. They have been instrumental in raising money for the school and community with the school lottery, Easy Fundraising page and a uniform swap shop. They are welcoming new members. If you would like to find out more about the PTFA or get involved please see our website [here](#).

Tutor Review Meetings Year 7 to 11

We have made a decision to postpone these parent meetings for the time being. School will not be closing early on the set days as per the scheduled calendar. We will review this decision in the new-year as we wait for further national developments.

Tutor Review Meetings Year 12 and 13

This will go ahead as planned with tutors. Parents will be called as the arranged time during the meeting. Further information will follow from the sixth form team. School will not close early for this event.



Parents Evenings

We are not able to hold these with parents in school at this time. The first event is **Year 11 on Tuesday 8 December**. This event will take place between 3:30 and 7pm as follows:

1. Year 11 students will stay in school at the end of the school day and a buffet will be provided for them.
2. From next week staff will make appointments with students during lesson time. In some cases, it may be that your child is doing very well and may not require an appointment at this time, this will allow us to ensure teachers see all students that need to have a focused conversation about improvements. To facilitate these appointment, we ask that students call their parent to take part verbally. If students do not have a phone with them on this occasion we will endeavour to contact you with our own devices.
3. Staff will provide each student with targets to take home in relation to areas for improvement in their subjects regardless of if they have an appointment or not. Where appointments have not been made, teachers will make contact home to discuss progress during the week of Parents' Evening.

Information about other Parents' Evenings will be shared with you in due course.

Thank you for your on-going support

Ms Egwuma
Head of School