

RMCG/KRE

13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of our first full week back I wanted to thank you for your support with uniform and equipment standards. Students seem to be settling well into academy life and our Year 7s have made an excellent start. On Tuesday 17th September our Year 7 and Year 10 students will have their photographs taken, this will also include any mid-year starters from other years who do not have an Arbor photograph.

Unfortunately, I do have to share a less positive message regarding the conduct of a very small number of students. One of the strengths of our academy community is that many of our staff live close to the academy or surrounding areas. In the past few weeks we have had a small number of incidents where students have been harassing members of staff who have often had their own children with them or have been made to feel belittled and vulnerable. This behaviour is not welcome or tolerated in our school and will result in students leaving our community. I am hopeful that you can echo this message to your children.

Today we held a whole school assembly on vaping trying to improve our students' awareness of the laws regarding vaping and the all too frequently reported consequences to health from vaping. Students should not be vaping and definitely should not be bringing these items into school. They are confiscated and disposed of immediately if found.

We have had a real push on emphasising the positive attitudes shown by the vast majority of our students with nearly 4000 House Points being awarded already. Students in Luguvalium House are currently leading the way. Attendance has had a strong start and I hope you will be able to help us maintain this. We have attached our attendance policy for your information.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions at info@rrma.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire Principal