

7th October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all parents/carers for the outstanding start to our new Academy year with the students arriving in immaculate uniform and ready to launch back into their learning. The sixth form have also adopted business dress and look incredibly professional around the Academy.

We returned after a summer of celebration with our Year 11 students achieving the best results ever seen at Don Valley Academy. 57% of the students gained 5 GCSE grades including Maths and English, 72% of students gained an A*-C in English Language and 63% of students gained an A*-C in mathematics. The hall was full of incredibly happy students who were able to continue with their plans for the future with excellent GCSE grades behind them. We wish them all the very best for the future and look forward to welcoming them back for prizegiving in the new academy in December.

The Academy is now preparing to move into the new building which is on time and planned to re-open on Thursday 3rd November 2016. All students will enter the Academy through the front entrance on Jossey Lane and I would like to remind all, that the students should all be present to start their lessons at 8.25 a.m. If students have a longer walk to this entrance they will need to plan to leave home earlier! Any visitors to the Academy must enter through the visitor entrance which is also on Jossey Lane.

Please check the website regularly for opportunities to look around the new building. We are planning some morning visits in November once we are settled.

New Academy telephone number

Once we move into the new build the academy will have a new telephone number. This number will be **01302 651035**. Please listen to all the options available as these are subject to change. For a limited time, all telephone calls to our existing number will be automatically redirected. If you would like to contact the academy via email, the address is info@donvalleyacademy.org.uk. Please note that when we close on Friday 14th October 2016 at 3.30 p.m., there will be no staff in the academy to deal with telephone enquires until 3rd November 2016.

Bicycle Storage in the new build

Students will be able to store their bicycles in the new build. There will be storage racks located just inside the gates on Jossey Lane to the left hand side.

Food and Chewing Gum

Please note that food and drinks can only be consumed in the dining hall in the new build. Food is not allowed in classrooms, corridors and outside of the buildings. Chewing Gum is banned from the Academy site. Please help us to ensure that our new buildings are looked after and respected by all those who come onto the site.

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Plan of the new Buildings

Enclosed with this letter is a simple plan of the layout of the new building. Please ensure that your child keeps this safe for reference for the first few days. Please reassure your child that they will very quickly find their way around!

Biometric Registrations For Cashless Catering

We will be holding catch up sessions on Tuesday 11th October and Wednesday 12th October 2016. These sessions will be for any students who have not yet registered. If your child has not returned the consent form, please do so as soon as possible. If you require another consent form these are available from Student Reception. All students have to register in order to go into the dining hall and purchase items. It is parental preference as to whether this is by thumbprint or by means of a PIN number.

If your child has not registered and will be unable to register at the catch up sessions, they will be able to do so once we move into the new building.

Election of Parent Governor

There is currently a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Academy's Education Advisory Board, (EAB). The EAB at Don Valley Academy has a very important role in monitoring and evaluating the work of our Academy and in helping to continuously raise standards.

To view further information about the role of being a member of the EAB at Don Valley Academy, please visit our website or alternatively please contact Mrs Edgar, Principal's P.A. (edgarb@donvalleyacademy.org.uk)

We look forward to welcoming students back to the Academy on Thursday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely



K. Squire (Mrs)
Principal