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Bloxwich Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are already well under way with what promises to be a highly productive half term! This letter contains some reminders about things which have previously been communicated and some updates.

Reminders

We are a Telling School

Bullying can happen anywhere and any school that says bullying “doesn’t happen here” is just ignoring it happening. We believe no one should ever have to put up with unkind things being said about them and that’s why one of our six school values makes it clear that we are a Telling School. This means that any child can talk to any member of staff about something that is concerning them. Please encourage your child to speak up if they or one of their friends is being made to feel uncomfortable by someone else. It’s only then that we can get it sorted out.

Remote learning provision

In the event of an unscheduled school closure, such as due to heavy snow, work will be provided for pupils to complete at home. During this period, the school will adopt a temporary remote curriculum, as outlined below. Lessons in the form of voice-over PowerPoints will be accessible via the "Remote Learning" folder on RM Unify. Pupils can access their RM Unify account from home with their usual school login details. If any pupils are struggling to access RM unify from home, they should contact the IT team via postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk.

Link to RM Unify: <https://rmunify.com/>

KS3 remote learning timetable

Lesson	1	2	3	4	5
Subject	English	Maths	Science	History	Geography

KS4 remote learning timetable

Lesson	1	2	3	4	5
Subject	English	Maths	Science	History/ Geography	Select an option

Behaviour expectations

No **mobile phones** are to be seen anywhere on school site. This includes from the moment pupils walk through the school gates until they leave the premises at the end of the day.

Detentions are a vital way of supporting pupils in correcting their behaviour, and they are not negotiable. In our home-school agreement we ask that parents fully support us in this. If you



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would like help to ensure that your child is attending detentions, please contact us so that we can support you further.

Please continue to support us in insisting on the highest standards of **uniform**. Our uniform policy remains unchanged and can be found in full here.

<https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/secondary-uniform/>

In particular, we would draw everyone's attention to:

Jewellery is not suitable wear for school and can be dangerous. Leave all jewellery at home. Body or facial piercings are NOT acceptable. One plain gold or silver stud in the ear lobe is permissible. No other jewellery to be worn.

False Nails or eyelashes, including extensions are not allowed.

The importance of attendance

Good attendance not only supports your child's learning but also develops positive habits and resilience, preparing them for a successful and fulfilling adult life. Without an acceptable reason, absences are recorded as 'unauthorised' and we are required to report unauthorised absences to the local authority once they reach certain levels. The local authority may address the issue of unauthorised absence and irregular attendance through initiating legal proceedings and we must inform the school community about the actions taken.

In the last academic year, 30 families were fined a total in excess of £18,000. Eight families received a fine in excess of £1,000 and one family received fines totalling almost £2,000. As a school dedicated to maximising our pupils' potential, we are always ready to listen, understand and support, working with parents and carers to improve every child's attendance.

Upcoming dates

28th November: Year 8 Progress Evening

5th December: school will be closed to pupils in the afternoon so teachers can complete vital training on exam moderation.

Updates

Invigilators Required

We are currently recruiting invigilators for the next series of examinations in February/March. You do not need any particular qualifications for this role and it pays £12.01 per hour. Find out more, including how to apply, here: <https://www.workatmatrix.co.uk/jobs/exam-invigilator-5/>

E-Safety advice

Online risks are constantly evolving and it's really important that all parents and carers are aware of the potential dangers their children face when they go online. To that end, we have extensively revised our E-Safety guidance on the website, which you can read here:

<https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/esafety/>



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Upcoming international opportunities

We are excited to soon be launching a range of different trips and opportunities for our children. We have three trips abroad planned including Athens, Paris and a ski trip. School trips offer pupils incredible opportunities for cultural enrichment and adventure. Athens offers a chance to delve into ancient civilisation, visiting sites like the Acropolis and learning about Greek mythology. The trip to Paris will allow pupils to explore iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, while immersing themselves in French art and history. Meanwhile, the ski trip will not only promote teamwork and physical activity but will also allow pupils to enjoy the thrill of winter sports in a beautiful alpine setting. Each destination provides unique experiences. We will be in touch with more information soon.

Staffing

Following eight years with the Matrix Academy Trust, Mr Prime is leaving us to embark on a new venture. We want to express our thanks to him and we wish him well for the future. Bloxwich Academy is now being taken care of by Mr Till, an experienced headteacher from the Trust. Mr Till has been supporting the improvement of Bloxwich Academy for the best part of a year already and he is ideally placed to lead the school through the next stages of its development.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



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