

Thursday, 08 June 2017

Dear Parents

Re: Changes to the Academic Calendar for Summer Term 2017

I am writing to inform you all of a few changes to the normal timetabled day on the following dates:

Tuesday 13th June 2017: Higher Education Exhibition

Further to the letter regarding the *Higher Education Exhibition* at the Birmingham NEC that we sent out at the beginning of May, I am writing to confirm that Year 12 students have been invited to attend the above exhibition between 1.30pm and 3.00pm. If students choose to attend the exhibition, we will record their attendance as an 'educational visit'. Miss Rickard, the Progressions Officer at BOA, will be at the venue on Tuesday 13th June and can be contacted during the event on the following BOA mobile: 07837 844316.

If students choose not to attend the *Higher Education Exhibition*, they are still able to attend BOA during their usual pathway lessons in order to use the facilities or meet with teachers to discuss their work.

On a related matter, the letter regarding the *Higher Education Exhibition* can be found on the academy's website, under the *News and Information* section. Please note that students must book a free ticket via the venue's website before attending the event.

Thursday 15th June 2017: Year 12 Assembly at the Old Repertory Theatre

We will hold an assembly at 9am on Thursday 15th June at The Old Repertory Theatre (our second campus), which is located behind Grand Central Station on Station Street. During this assembly, we will look at progression routes and higher education, as well as delivering advice on personal statements. This follows on from the advice given out at the Year 12 Futures Evening on Tuesday 6th June 2017. Year 12 students should arrive at The Old Repertory Theatre by 8.45am. Year 12 students will be escorted back to BOA at 10.45am, once the assembly has finished.

Wednesday 28th June 2017: Independent Study Day

We have invited our new Year 10 students (who begin at BOA in September 2017) into the academy on this day as we need to carry out a number of important baseline tests. In order to facilitate these tests, we would like all Year 12 students to work from home on this day. This will provide students with an opportune moment to produce a first draft of a personal statement or curriculum vitae, which will have been discussed with students during the above assembly. We will ensure that students receive an information pack on *Personal Statements* to help support them.

Friday 14th July 2017: Independent Study Day

In order to facilitate an important training event for all members of teaching staff on Friday 14th July, we would like all Year 12 students to work from home on this day. Students will continue to work on their personal statements, as well as completing a proforma that gathers information in order for tutors to complete a reference.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support.

If you require any further information, please contact me on alistair.chattaway@boa-academy.co.uk
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Best wishes,



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