

September 2021

Principal: Hilary Morawska

Dear Parent and Carer

Academy Open Evening, 7th October - Early School Closure

We are very excited to announce that we will be able to host our annual Open Evening on Thursday 7th October. This most important of evenings is for prospective parents/carers and students who are considering The Hastings Academy as their chosen school from September 2022.

In view of the breadth of preparation needed by staff for this key event in our calendar, the academy will close early at the end of Period 4 on that day. Students will, therefore, be dismissed at 1.35pm on 7th October. The academy restaurant will be open throughout break 1 where students will have access to a full lunch service. No food will be served at break 2 as the restaurant will be closed to prepare for the evening. Those in receipt of Free School Meals, should have their meal at break 1. Students are expected to go straight home at the end of Period 4.

We shall also be having a late start on Friday 8th October, to enable staff to reset their classroom areas following the late night, in readiness for learning. Students should be in school for 10.00am and go straight to their Period 2 lesson at 10.10am.

We will be looking for student helpers to support staff on this fabulous evening and a permission letter will be sent out soon, so if your son/daughter has been asked to help, they will need to return to school at 5.15pm and report directly to the department where they will be helping. They will be released at 8.00pm at the end of the evening. All students who are helping should be dressed smartly in full school uniform and have returned their permission to their Student Support Manager. Any students who have not returned the permission slip and those arriving not wearing full school uniform will, unfortunately, be unable to help on this evening.

I do need to advise you that, should the academy find itself in a position that, due to protective measures, we need to withdraw student helpers from the evening, we will let you know. However, currently, we are very much hoping this evening takes place in its entirety.

As always, we thank you for your understanding and continued support for this most important academy event.

Yours faithfully



Hilary Morawska
Principal