



INTHEKNOW

21st October 2020



Message from the Head of Academy.

As the end of term draws near I want to thank you for your overwhelming support this term. I appreciate how you have worked with us over recent weeks and months to adjust to the situation that we find ourselves in with regards to COVID-19. I hope that the students enjoy their week off at half term and that you are able to spend some quality time together. Continue to stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs K Craig

Head of Academy





Mark Your Calendar



YEAR 7.

- Thursday 19th November 2020 – School Photographs will be taken
- Wednesday 5th May 2021- Year 7 Parents Evening - 15:30-18:45 **(to be arranged)**

YEAR 8.

- Thursday 25th February- Year 8 Parents Evening- 15:30-18:45 **(to be arranged)**

YEAR 9.

- Wednesday 18th November- Year 9 options information evening-options. **(to be arranged)**

YEAR 10.

- Thursday 19th November- School photographs will be taken
- Thursday 1st April- Year 10 Parents Evening- 15:30-18:45 **(to be arranged)**

YEAR 11.

- Wednesday 9th December- Year 11 parents evening **(to be arranged)**

ALL YEARS.

- Friday 20th November- Staff Training Day **(academy closed to students)**
- Friday 30th April 2021- Staff Training Day **(academy closed to students)**

PUNCTUALITY – Every Minute Counts!



LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

It is important that students are punctual so that they do not miss the beginning of each school day.

The Academy is open from **8:25am** for Year groups: 7, 8 and 10 students to be on site and **8.40am** for Year groups 9 and 11.

Where a student arrives after the register closes at 9:30am this will be classed as an unauthorised late (code U as per Department of Education compulsory attendance codes) and affects overall attendance.

The registers are monitored daily to identify students who are arriving late and regular late arrival for school will be challenged as unacceptable. Students who have 10 or more U codes will be referred to the Education Enforcement Team for possible legal action (including a Penalty Notice).

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

**figures above are calculated over a school year*

Missed days over the school year reduces your child's chances of success.

Your child will be missing learning opportunities if they are not in school or are late to school.

Please work with us to give your child the best chances of success by ensuring that they are in school, every day, on time.

Attendance Matters

Before all schools re-opened in September, Department for Education issued a full document (Guidance for full opening of schools) setting out measures and providing a framework for school leaders to put in place proportionate protective measures for children and staff, which also ensure that all students receive a high-quality education that enables them to thrive and progress. It's been recognised that returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development.

Attendance expectations set out in the guidelines

In March, when the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic was increasing, it was made clear no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school.

Now the circumstances have changed, it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks students falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school.

School attendance has been therefore mandatory again from the beginning of this autumn term. This means, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August 2020. This means that even the small number of students who will remain on the shielded patient list can return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding.

What sanctions can be put in place for non-attendance?

If a registered pupil of compulsory school age fails to attend school regularly, the parent could be guilty of an offence under [section 444 Education Act 1996](#). In April 2017, the Supreme Court held that attending school "*regularly*" means attendance in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school and not "*sufficiently frequent attendance*". This means that a child must attend school on every day that the school requires him or her to do so and failure to do this may lead to the commission of an offence.



If you wish your child to have a grab bag for their lunch, they will need to be pre-ordered for the following 3 weeks **(after half term)**

- Week 1 – WK comm 2nd November
- Week 2 – WK comm 9th November
- Week 3 – WK comm 16th November

Please email the Academy on lunches@smithswood.fmat.co.uk with the following information:

1. Student name, year group and tutor group
2. Week Number
3. Choice of sandwich
4. Any special dietary requirements



Lunch Pre Order Choices

WEEK 1

- Chicken Sandwich
- Cheese Sandwich
- Tuna Mayo Sandwich

All meals come with a homebake and a drink



Lunch Pre Order Choices

WEEK 2

- BBQ Chicken Sandwich
- Cheese Salad Baguette
- Ham Salad Sandwich

All meals come with a homebake and a drink



Lunch Pre Order Choices

WEEK 3

- Chicken Tikka Sandwich
- Cheese Salad Baguette
- Tuna Mayo Crunch Sandwich

All meals come with a homebake and a drink

Rewards 2020-21

The rewards programme at Smith's Wood Academy is now back up and running. Below are just some of the rewards that are an offer throughout the year and how students can be recognised for their achievements whilst attending Smith's Wood Academy.

Carrots Rewards

Carrots rewards are a way of recognising students within lessons through a sticker-based reward programme. Students receive stickers with a unique code on them and log them via their my-stickers account which can be found via www.mystickers.co.uk and all students should have their own individual log in details to register their rewards. The more stickers students achieve the higher the rewards they gain.

To date SWA has handed out over 18,012 Merit stickers to over 567 students in years 7-11 across a range of subjects. Currently 229 students have achieved the first Milestone reward of 25 Merits, 101 students have achieved their second reward having surpassed 50 Merits, 37 students have achieved their third reward for surpassing 75 Merits, 13 students have reached 100 Merits and 6 students have reached 125 Merits.

There will be a Carrots rewards trip (venue and date TBC) for all those students, who have received 100 Merits or more. This is in recognition of the hard work they have put into lessons to receive such a high volume of rewards. . Students who have 100% attendance for the whole term leading up to Christmas shall be invited to the Theatre for a showing of a film

Attendance

Students who have 100% attendance for this half term will be invited to have cookies and juice in recognition of their excellent attendance. This will take place on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October, invites and information to be sent to students and parents W/B 19th October. Students must have 100% attendance up to the day of their reward.

An end of year rewards trip is being booked to **Drayton Manor Theme park** and **Ice Skating at Planet Ice**. Students who have an attendance of 96% and above for the whole academic year will be invited to these trips and have the option to choose to go on one or the other. The date for the attendance rewards trips are to be confirmed. **This is subject to change depending on government guidelines.**

All students, in all years who obtain 100% attendance for the full Academic year will receive and **Never Been Absent** blazer badge, students will be encouraged to wear this to display their dedication and resilience to attend school and access education at all times.

Along with this there is a Core Values badge for all students who receive zero behaviour points for the year. Again, this is a blazer badge to recognise their commitment to school.

Students who achieve 100% attendance for the half term will also have a letter sent home in the post with an attendance Carrot sticker on it to the value of 10 Merits which when received are to be logged by the students. Again, this is for Years 7-10 only.

Rewards Assemblies

At the end of this half term, each year group will have a celebration assembly with their year groups. This will be led by their respective Excellence Lead and students shall be rewarded for effort and progress within all the lessons they study in their year group. This is a half-termly reward and the next reward assembly will be during the W/B 19th October 2020.

Hot Chocolate with the Head of Academy

Starting last school year, we have introduced a new weekly reward of hot chocolate with the Head of Academy. Each week one pupil from each of the respective years is chosen by the pastoral team to receive this reward. The rewards are given to students demonstrating resilience, progression and determination. This award is due to begin first week after half term and names shall be passed to Mrs Hewson and invites to be sent out accordingly.



★ Star of the Week ★

Star of the Week



Week beginning
28th September 2020

English – Nathan Ware
Maths – John Greenshields
Science – Taegan Thomas
History – Joe Dennis
Geography – Elijah Carter-Noah
Media – Ciaran Bates
Business – Ada Zytnik
Sport – Kieran Purton

ICT – Harrison Keen
PE – Abdul-Raheem
McDermott
P.S.H.E/R.E – Poppy Beard
Art – Aimee - Mae Jukes
Music – Summer Jagers
Spanish – Ryan Hopkins-
Williams
Inclusion - Mason Bradbury

Star of the Week



Week beginning
5th October 2020

English – Grace Summers
Maths – April Jagers
Science – Zoyah Nadeem
History – Ellie Parton
Geography – Rebecca Millichamp
Media – Owen Smith
Business – Fatima Ceesay
Sport – Lilie Smith
Drama - Charley-Ann Ashley

ICT – Michael Hayes
PE – Jay Parr
Art – Demi Leigh Masefield
Music – Aaron White



Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance
Mrs O'Donnell Academy Careers Advisor
a.odonnell@smithswood.fmat.co.uk

Careers interviews commenced for Year 11 students on the 14th September. Students will receive two interviews, one before October half term to provide information with a more in-depth interview from November onwards if required.

Students MUST log in to their Academy email account as information will be sent to students via email.

The careers adviser will give students (and parents) ;

- accurate and up-to-date information
- Information for career planning websites & local college and sixth form open events (virtual or visits), leaflets and alternative sources of information and help if required.
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Benefits of a guidance interview ;

- increased motivation and self- confidence
- greater self-awareness
- identification of more achievable ambitions
- improved decision-making skills
- increased awareness of opportunities

www.startprofile.com



START is a free, online careers platform, designed to connect 11-18-year olds with their future career potential.

Has your child registered? Get them to sign up today.



Lost Property

SMITH'S WOOD ACADEMY Lost Property October 2020

It is your child's responsibility to collect the item(s) promptly.

To claim any of the items below please ask the child to see staff in the administration office and state the item number they are claiming. Alternatively, email office@smithswood.fmat.co.uk stating the item number you are claiming, your name and your child's name and form.

ALL THESE ITEMS ARE UNNAMED – help us to help you by CLEARLY NAMING all your child's clothing, footwear and coats, initials are not enough!

All items will be available to claim for four weeks. Any unclaimed items, along with items not collected from the office, will either be disposed of or sent to a charity shop.

If your child has lost an item they should check with the administration office to see if it has been handed in or look in the lost property bin in the reprographics room

Kind Regards

Administration Office

Item Number:	Description:
13	Silver stud earring, found in the dining hall on 1/10/20
14	Silver stud earring with white stone
15	Blue glasses
16	JD bag containing boys school shoes, trousers and white shirt

Don't forget to



us if your contact details change!

Parent/Carer Contact Details

Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2019 states that all schools have a responsibility to have at least two named and up to date contacts for all children in case of emergency or safeguarding concerns. We have noticed, with parents/carers changing their mobile numbers or email addresses, that we do not always have two current, working & up-to-date contacts. Please ensure that you keep us informed of any changes, we are happy to supply you with a Data Collection Sheet to enable you to do this.

Nothing Stops A Macmillan Coffee Morning....



On Friday 25th September, staff at Smiths Wood Academy had a socially distanced Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Staff gathered in their work 'bubbles', had coffee and cakes and managed to raise **£169** for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Notices:

There is still a chance to become House/Deputy House captain

If you want to be a House/Deputy House Captain this year, please email a letter of application to the relevant house email address



Email addresses

Luther King House:
j.wilson@smithswood.fmat.co.uk

Parks House:
e.bartlett@smithswood.fmat.co.uk

Pankhurst House:
j.howe@Smithswood.fmat.co.uk

Hawking House:
c.bayliss@Smithswood.fmat.co.uk

House Competitions

Who: Years 9 (team of 9) & 10 (maximum 11)

What: Rounders for girls; Cricket for boys

When: Tuesday 20th October

HPL's and house leaders will be putting teams together this week.
Let us know if you are interested..

BRITISH VALUES: INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY



Democracy



Rule
of Law



Individual
Liberty



Respect &
Tolerance





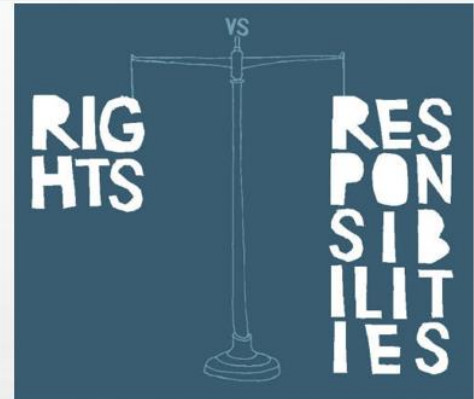
Individual
Liberty

Individual Liberty

What does this mean?



Having the freedom to make our own choices and do what we want – within reason. As long as we respect the other three British values and the rights of others, then we are free to pursue our ambitions, and follow our own volition.



DISCUSS...

- What are RIGHTS?
- What are RESPONSIBILITIES?

A **right** is a choice to make your own opinion and entitlement to things such as education, religion and freedom of speech.

Responsibilities are duties or something an individual should do such as following the law and rules.

it is not only for
what we do that
we are held
responsible, but
also for what
we do not do.

Moliere



Face Coverings In School

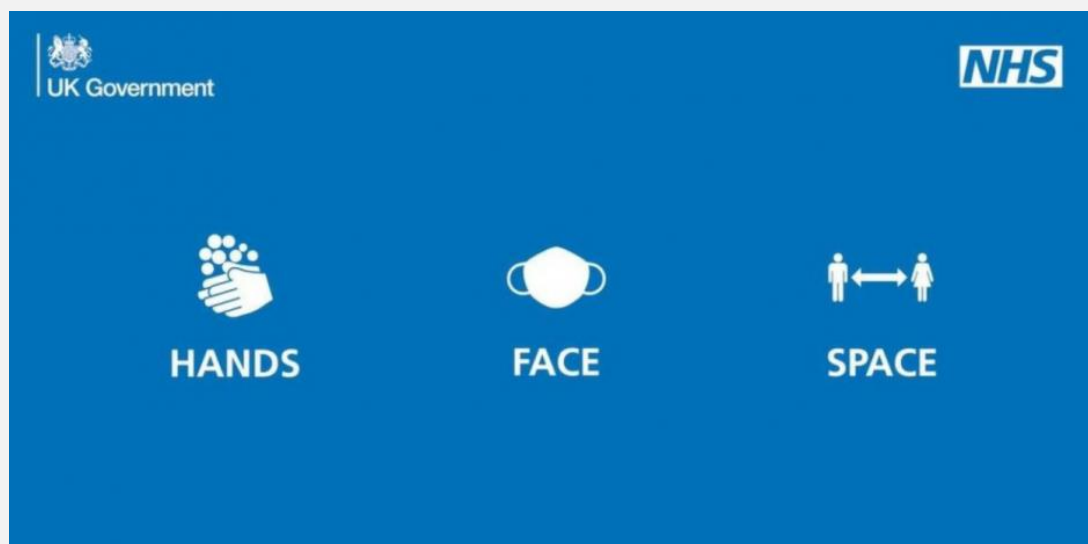
It is now mandatory to wear a face covering in communal areas in school, unless the student has been given an exemption card by the school Medical Officer.

Face coverings should be worn in the following circumstances:

- Movement between lessons on corridors
- During social times indoors (not when eating)
- When using toilet facilities

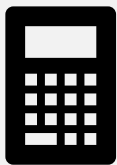
Please ensure your child attends school with a mask and a spare if possible. They should also carry a plastic bag to store them in when they aren't wearing it, for hygiene reasons.

Remember, this is to keep ourselves and each other safe.





Mock Exams



Mock exams will be taking place 9th-20th November.

All students that are sitting exams **MUST** arrive on time.

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, students are required to bring their own equipment, this includes:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific Calculator (if possible)

Timetable

	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	
Mon 9	English Language (186) Paper 1 1hr45			Health & Social Care (51) 2hrs				
Tues 10	Maths (186) Non Calculator Paper 1 1hr 30			History (97) Paper 1 1 hour Geography (89) Paper 1 1hr30				
Wed 11	English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45			Combined Science Paper 1 1hr15 Triple Science (Biology) 1h 45				
Thurs 12	Maths (186) Calculator Paper 2 1hr30			Religious Studies A (18) Paper 1 1hr45				
Fri 13	Spanish (54) Listening F 35m H 45m Reading F 45m H 1hr			Media (22) 1hr				

	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	
Mon 16	Maths (186) Calculator Paper 3 1hr30			Spanish (54) Writing F 1hr H1hr15				
Tues 17	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 1hr15 Triple Science (Chemistry) 1h 45			BTEC Sport (61) 1hr				
Wed 18	Religious Studies A (18) Paper 2 1hr45			Music (14) 1hr Drama (16) 1hr				
Thurs 19	Geography (89) Paper 2 1hr30			Art (26) 2hrs			Art (26) 1hr	
Fri 20	Combined Science Physics Paper 1 1hr15 Triple Science (Physics) 1h 45						Art (26) 1hr	