



Key Information for the start of the new academic year

Key dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Plan for the day</u>
Tuesday 1 September	INSET Day 1: STAFF ONLY ON SITE
Wednesday 2 September	Years 7 only to attend from 8.20 am Years 12 only to attend from 9.00 am
Thursday 3 September	Year 7 only to attend from 8.20 am Years 8, 9, 12 & 13 to attend from 10.45 am Years 10 & 11 to attend from 12.05 am
Friday 4 September	All year groups to attend from 8.20 am, as normal

Uniform:

We pride ourselves on the high standards of uniform at the academy, [our policy](#) is very clear and can be found online. For clarity no trainers (Nike air force/Converse) are allowed, nor are hoodies and just as a reminder blazers are required for the September start.

Attendance:

As it has been for the last year, attendance is a priority for our students. Consistent attendance is vital for students' academic progress, social development, and overall success at school. Every day of learning counts, and missing even a few days can have a significant impact on attainment. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time each day. All students have an attendance target of **at least 98%**, so let's work together to maintain strong attendance habits and to prepare for this new academic year.

Reminder, that the academy day starts at 8.20 am, which is when the gates open.

Free School Meals:

The **Free School Meals criteria is changing** and these changes come into force from September 2026. Therefore, we urge all parents/carers to review the new rules and check their eligibility again. Full details of the changes and how to check your entitlement can be found [in this letter from Solihull Council](#) which is on our website.

If you need any further clarification on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's [pastoral team](#) or the main reception in the first instance.