

Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of our first month back I would like to welcome you all to what promises to be an exciting year for the Academy. A warm welcome to our new parents/carers of Year 7 students, who I have to say have made an excellent start on their educational journey here at All Saints Academy.

Our summer results were very pleasing with our Year 13 students achieving an average C grade at 'A' Level standard which was similar to all local schools. All of those wishing to go to University were given their first or second choice of institution, and we wish them well with their next steps.

Our GCSE results were better than last year with 53% of students achieving a grade 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, an 8% improvement on last year (45%). Improvements in attainment were evident in every subject and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working staff, and of course our parents and carers for their support.

Attendance finished on a real high last year with overall attendance reaching 90.6% compared to a national average of 90.9%. The real progress though was seen in our Persistent Absentee (PA) rate, which ended the year more than 2% better than the national average - 24.2% versus 26.7%.

This huge improvement in attendance was down to the partnership between home and school and looks set to be even better this year. The students have made an excellent start with overall attendance at almost 93% - even with the floods last week!

I do hope those of you affected by the floods have come through it unscathed. Let's look forward to some drier weather as we march towards the October half term!

Best wishes

Liz Furber
Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

A belated welcome to the start of the new academic year, and a special welcome to parents who are new to the Academy, either through Year 7 entry or in-year transfer.

The end of the academic year did, of course, see the outcome of the General Election. It was only at the start of this year that we started to see the direction that might be taken in the education world. Perhaps the most significant change was the scrapping of one/two-word judgements by Ofsted, as an interim measure towards the introduction of report cards next year. We wait to see what impact these changes will have, but I believe they are largely welcomed within the profession.

We have also been made aware of some organisational changes within the DfE, which tend to affect our reporting structures. What we await is the budget at the end of October to see if there are any significant implications for our sector.

Whatever happens at a political/external level, everyone in the Academy remains committed to delivering the best possible education for your child/ren. From what I have seen so far, there is a wonderfully calm and purposeful atmosphere around the building. Attendance is generally good (although it could always be better!) - we thank you for the support you give in making sure our students are present, arrive on time, and are well prepared for learning. In that way they will continue to develop and achieve.

With all good wishes

David Fraser
Chair of Governors

Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to discover new books and foster a love for reading.

The Scholastic Book Fair is not only a chance for your child to explore a wide selection of books, but it also helps support our school. Every purchase benefits our school by earning free books and resources for our classrooms.

To ensure a smooth process:

Students will have scheduled times to visit the book fair with their classes.

Payment can be made in cash, online or by a gift voucher. For more information you can visit Scholastic website:

[Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

If you do not want to send cash or buy a gift voucher, your children will bring home a wish list including a payment QR code and you can pay online by Monday 7th October.

We hope to make this a successful and fun event for our school community. We encourage you to help spark the joy of reading by participating in this year's Scholastic Book Fair!

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at asadiarbabi@asadunstable.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Atefeh Asadi Arbabi
LRC Manager

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SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Parking Request from Central Beds Council

With the start of the new school year, we see a return of inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times.

We realise that some parents/carers have no alternative but to drive their child/ren to school and most drivers are respectful to the road markings and restrictions around the school proximity.

As the driver of a vehicle you have a responsibility to ensure everyone is safe when going to and from school and **it is unacceptable for you as the driver to:**

- **park on the yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrances (blue badge holders are allowed to park on double yellow lines if they display their badges, so just because someone is parked on them, if you are not entitled to then don't park on them)**
- stop in the middle of the road even for a few seconds to drop off children.
- double park next to already parked vehicles
- block the road that emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access to
- park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- sit in the vehicle with the engine running – we are trying to maintain clean air around our schools
- park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction or where there are bollards in situ
- park on the pavement, H bars, or across dropped kerbs and residents' driveways
- get children out of the car on the road side where traffic is trying to pass

By following the polite request above you can make a huge difference to the congestion around schools, making it safer and less stressful for all, whilst ensuring that the below statistics never increase

For information, 1 in 3 of all child pedestrians that are killed or seriously injured (KSI) are aged 10–11 years old and every month 1,200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen within 500m of a school, www.rospa.com.

Please do not be a cause for these statistics to rise.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Road Safety Education Team

Email: RoadSafety.Education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Looking Ahead

3rd and 4th October

Book Fair

25th October

INSET Day

(Academy closed to students)

28th October—1st November

Half Term

6th December

Flu Vaccinations

11th December

Year 11 Parents' Evening

20th December

Last Day of Term

**The Academy
attendance target
is 95%**

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please call Central Beds Council on 0300 300 8306.

You will need to have the following information ready:

National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner; dates of birth for your children; if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number.

More information can be found at [Free school meals | Central Bedfordshire Council](#).

Academic Calendar - 2024/2025



School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

Training Day

September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
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October 2024						
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November 2024						
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July 2025						
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