

16 November 2018

Our Ref: RSM/SJ

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Inspection and Parent Consultations

The Education Training Inspectorate concluded their visit to the school last week and the Report will not be available until just prior to Christmas. However, I wish to note the Team were extremely impressed with the warmth of welcome from your children and they consistently commented that all of the pupils were very articulate and friendly. The high quality of outcomes, support and the wide range of extra and co-curricular activities were highly praised and we were very pleased to note that these areas for development were already included in our School Development Plan 2018-21. **I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the endeavours of all of our pupils, my colleagues and the support of our parents – it is why the inspection recognised the Academy as a great school at the heart of our community.** At this time of industrial action by teaching unions across Northern Ireland, no lesson observations were possible due to Action Short of Strike, therefore no levels or overall effectiveness level can be awarded.

Due to this ongoing industrial action by the teaching unions it will also not be possible to have the Parent Consultations at the times and dates that were originally planned for this year, as published in the Calendar of Events. However, it is very important that parents get the opportunity to speak with teachers about their child's progress during the school year. Therefore, in order to facilitate this important aspect of our work, Parent Consultations will now take place as listed below:

Year 12 - Wednesday 12 December 2018 from 1.30 – 3.30pm
(Early closure - Normal classes will end for all pupils at 1.00pm)

Year 8 - Wednesday 19 December 2018 from 1.30 – 3.30pm
(Early closure - Normal classes will end for all pupils at 1.00pm)

Year 10 - Tuesday 19 February 2019 from 9.00 – 11.00am
Years 13 & 14 (simultaneously) - Tuesday 19 February 2019 from 1.30 – 3.30pm

Years 9 & 11 (simultaneously) - Tuesday 14 May 2019 from 1.30 – 3.30pm
(Early closure - Normal classes will end for all pupils at 1.00pm)

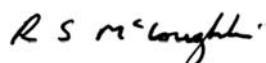
In addition:

Year 12 A Level Options Parent Information Talk – Tuesday 5 March 7.00pm

Year 10 GCSE Options Parent Information Talk – Tuesday 12 March 7.00pm

I do apologise for the inconvenience that these arrangements may cause, however, I trust that you will be understanding as the circumstances are outside the school's control.

Yours sincerely



R S McLoughlin
Principal