25th October 2016

Dear parents

The Studio is a unique school in many ways. This has been evident in the way existing students have welcomed new students since September. Half of our students are new every year and they have settled well, are enjoying their new environment and are adjusting to a new way of doing things that we know will bring them future success.

We have had many positive comments from parents too - one parent recently told me that she feels she has, 'got her son back' since he started with us. As we watch our students grow in confidence and maturity it reinforces the need to continue to work closely together as we go through this year.

How we work together to support your child

The next **Presentations of Learning (POL) meetings** are next week. It is essential that you attend these because this is an opportunity for your son or daughter to share what they have been learning; it is also an opportunity to develop ways we can work together to ensure your child is achieving everything they are capable of.

• Tuesday 1st November 2016 POL: all year groups 4pm - 8pm

Please also plan to attend presentations on:

- What next after The Studio Sixth Form? University Admissions and Apprenticeships. Cinema at 5pm and
 6pm
- Progressing from year 11 to Sixth Form: Revision strategies and The Studio Sixth Form. Room 402 at 5pm and 6pm

Your child's coach will have been in touch with you to book an appointment. If you have not been able to secure an appointment please contact them directly or through the school email: admin@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk.

There are also resources to help you support your child available on our website: http://thestudioliverpool.uk/parents/supporting-learning/

Sleep and Student Wellbeing

We are very conscious of the links between success and our students' emotional and physical wellbeing. We have been doing lots of work with partners including the Brook Advisory Centre recently, designed to build emotional confidence and support them to work through any issues that arise. This work has reinforced the need for regular and consistent sleep of 8-9 hours a night and I would ask for your support with this – brain development and learning depends on it.

Dress and uniform

The vast majority of students continue to meet our professional dress code. When you buy new school clothes can you please bear in mind the following:

Key Stage 4, Year 10 and 11: Studio uniform. Students should not wear trainers. Facial piercings and unnatural hair colours are not acceptable. Girls should ensure they are wearing an appropriate school skirt.

Key Stage 5, Years 12 and 13: The dress code is business dress which means trousers, shirt and tie for boys and appropriate business dress for girls. Students should not wear trainers, jeans (even black jeans) or hoodies.

Students may be asked to return home to change if necessary.

Attendance

Most students have started well by maintaining 100% attendance this term. I would like to stress that this is absolutely key to your child's success. We finish for the Christmas term on Friday 16th December so please ensure your child is here with us every day that they are physically able to do so.

CPD Days

The next CPD day for this year is Monday 9th January. There will also be another one in June/July; date to be confirmed.

Parents' Advisory Groups

Our parents' advisory group meets three times a year to discuss areas of school policy to help us improve what we are doing and ensure we are aligning expectations at home and school. These have been very useful in the past and I would encourage you to get involved in these through this year. Please confirm your attendance at the school office: admin@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk

The dates for 2016/17 are:

- Tuesday 22nd November 2016 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Tuesday 7th March 2016 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Tuesday 13th June 5.30pm-6.30pm

Contact Details

If you change any of your contact details during the school year (address, phone numbers, email) please let the school office know by email: admin@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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