



# Excelsior Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Important Information: Changes for 2016-2017

I hope that like me you were able to enjoy the recent spectacular academy production of the Lion King which drew critical acclaim from far and wide, and featured pupils from Rainbird through to Excelsior College. On the sporting front our Year 10 football team had the distinction of winning both the League and the City Cup, topping an outstanding sporting season. We also held the highly successful The Mad Hatters Tea party and STEM Maker Fair, which was attended and enjoyed by hundreds of people. In the coming weeks we will host the brilliant annual Fashion show and Arts exhibition, and of course the Year 11 and College Prom nights – so plenty still to look forward to.

As we approach the annual examination season we wish all our pupils the best of luck and hope they achieve the results they deserve. As you know, we will provide considerable guidance and support in school, but we would also ask that parents remain aware of the stresses and strains on their children, and make allowances accordingly. If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Inevitably, at this stage in the school year we are already making plans for 2016/17. A possible modification we are looking into is a change to the school day and week. We hope that this will provide time for additional after-school and homework opportunities for pupils. From September 2016 we propose that:

KS3 pupils only (Year 7-9) would leave school early on Tuesdays at 3.00 - KS4 (Year 10 and 11) will remain in school to be taught as normal. The KS3 pupils will use the additional time on Tuesdays to access after school clubs (Arts, sports, etc.) and be asked to complete half termly home learning projects.

On Thursdays at 3.00 – KS4 pupils only would leave school early. KS3 remain in school to be taught as normal. The KS4 will be offered after school activities and provided with specific subject based home learning tasks, especially revision.

We also propose that all pupils will finish earlier on Fridays at 2.00 instead of 2.40 as now. Again this is to encourage greater participation in extra-curricular activities and clubs.

Rainbird Primary School timings will be unaffected.

The final Excelsior pupil performance review day is scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and colleagues will be available throughout the day to discuss our proposals and any other issues you may have.

In the meantime, may I thank you for your continued support and I shall look forward to seeing you at one of the up-coming Excelsior events.

Yours faithfully

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## Important Information: Educational Visits

Educational visits at Excelsior Academy give pupils an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned outside the classroom. In order to ensure all pupils are able to participate in educational visits we will no longer request a consent form is completed by you for certain visits however you will continue to be informed of all visits before they take place.

Visits that we no longer require consent for are those which are not 'adventurous' and leave and return to Excelsior Academy within the normal hours of the school day. For all other visits we will request a consent form is completed and your child will be unable to attend unless we have this.

From this point forward all letters and consent forms regarding visits will be sent out using ParentMail. If you are already registered please ensure you check this on a regular basis and if you have not already downloaded the free ParentMail app, please do so to validate your account and also to make checking for messages / forms easier for you. If you have not already registered, please do this as soon as you can and say yes to downloading the free app to ensure you get the best experience and to receive the information you need at the earliest opportunity.

ParentMail will not only be used for sending information regarding educational visits but will also be used to keep you up to date with all relevant school information in your child's school and the wider Academy. For example we have recently sent Newsletters to parents using ParentMail.

If you have any issues with getting registered or you have not received a text message on your phone so that you can register, please contact the Admin Manager in your child's school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Charlton  
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