



Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks for your support during this first term of the school year. I am very pleased how the students have managed themselves and shown wonderful resilience and maturity over the past term, while they learn new systems and ways of learning.

Changes to Timetables

In order to make sure pupils have a firm grounding in literacy and numeracy in KS3 and are ready for the challenges of the GCSE curriculum in KS4. We have decided to make some changes to some student timetables. All Year 7 students have completed a number of external and in school assessments, we have also used teacher judgment to make the changes. Some students will be receiving new timetables and will find themselves in new classes in January 2022. If your child is one of the students who are moving classes, please know that I am here to support your child and answer any questions you may have about these changes.

Good News

I am pleased to announce that yet again the overwhelming majority of our students have been wonderfully behaved this half term. The average A2L Grade (attitude to learning) within Year 7 has been the highest it has been since this system has been in place; we are immensely proud of the students for the attitudes they have shown during this time.

Coats

With the weather becoming colder, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate outdoor clothing, please make sure they have a warm winter coat, hat and gloves. Some students have been coming into school with just their school blazers, this is not suitable as our classroom doors and windows are kept open throughout the day and it can get very cold. They can also wear a plain back jumper under their blazer but must not bring in sweatshirts and hoodies.

The Year 7 would like to wish you a safe and restful half term and as always, if there is anything, we can do to help your child or your family then please do get in touch via the school email gsaddique@thehalifaxacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

G. Saddique

(Ms G. Saddique, Year 7 Phase Leader)