



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really proud of the way in which students have settled in to their new timetables and sets this week. We will be routinely reviewing sets after each progress check and will make moves where necessary for students who are either exceeding their targets or those who need additional support. We will be sure to inform you by letter each time a set change takes place.

Good punctuality is a vital skill for all of our students. Mr James conducted an assembly last week on the importance of good punctuality and employers. The students were shown videos from several local employers who made it very clear that if an employee was routinely late for work, then it would be highly likely that they would lose their job. We have been really impressed by how responsive the students were to this message and we have seen a large decline in the number of students who have been late over the past week. However, we still have a core group of students who are regularly late and this cannot continue. The videos highlighted a three strikes policy, consequently after February half term we will introduce a tariff whereby students who are late once in a week will receive a reduction of -30 Kickboard points. A second late within the week will lead to a reduction of -60 points and a third late within the week will lead to a reduction of -90 points. This ensures we fully prepare our students for the world of work.

We have had concerns raised by members of the public about the safety of some of our students who ride bikes home from school each day. We are really keen for students to ride bikes to and from school, however, we are alarmed to hear that some students are jeopardising their own safety by riding in the middle of the road on their bikes narrowly avoiding both buses and cars. Can I please ask that you discuss this with your child if they do ride a bike to and from school and remind them of the need of road safety.

We break up for the February half term break on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 3pm and will return at 8:45am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 we will be holding a non-school uniform day where we will be encouraging all students to wear either red or pink and donate a £1. The money raised will be split between funds for the Year 11 Prom and Rainbows Hospice.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy, safe and healthy half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Howard  
Head of School