



15 July 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Level 4: Severe or Prolonged Heatwave

Today the Met Office has raised the weather warning to Level 4. This is due to temperatures being likely to hit 40 degrees centigrade. The warning is in place from midnight on Monday 18 July until midnight on Tuesday 19 July; an amber warning is in place more widely.

The Academy will be taking significant steps to mitigate against the extreme temperatures likely on Monday and Tuesday next week. However, this will impact on plans we already had in place.

Firstly, it would not be appropriate to send our students to Drayton Manor on Tuesday for the rewards trip. I believe this would place our students in danger due to the extreme heat forecast. However, we will be rearranging this trip and it will take place in the new academic year. It is important that we reward our students for their hard work. Drayton Manor have confirmed that the tickets are transferable and that they will honour them in the new academic year.

The high temperatures are going to make some of our classrooms, mainly those on the middle floor and top floor of B-block, very hot. With Years 11, 12 and 13 not in due to the examinations and work experience, we have the opportunity to re-room these classes so that they can take place in much cooler areas of the academy. A new timetable for these lessons will be explained to the students on Monday morning.

Further to this, we will not be allowing the students to participate in physical activity during the intense heat we will experience. PE lessons will not take place outside. Students will also have restricted access to outdoor spaces during breaks and lunchtimes. We will be utilizing our Sports Hall, Gym, Main Hall and Dining rooms as social spaces. All of these remain cooler than many other spaces and will be much cooler than being outdoors.

Remaining hydrated during this period is very important. Please can every student bring a refillable bottle to school. Members of staff will be circulating at all times and students requiring additional water will be given the opportunity to refill their bottles.

Advice for looking after children in hot weather states that they should not participate in physical activity. For this reason, the field will not be in use during breaks and lunchtimes.

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In my communication about PE kit earlier in the week, I stated that this can be worn until the end of term.

I have communicated with all staff regarding the arrangements we are putting in place. All staff have also been informed of the symptoms of heat stroke in young people.

Working together we can ensure the safety of all students and staff during this heat wave.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. S. Frazer', written in a cursive style.

M. S Frazer
Principal