

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear SGS Forest families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

It was lovely to see so many **Year 9** families at yesterday's options evening. A reminder that next Thursday's Year 9 parent and carer evening will be an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year and to make sure they have made the best option choices for their future. **The final deadline for the return of option forms is next Friday.**

Year 10 students have mock exams from 12th June; they will receive the timetable for this after the half term break. Students will be helped to prepare for these in their lessons and **they will receive a 'how to revise for exams' workshop from some external experts at school next Friday.**

Year 11 students have made an impressive start to their first full week of GCSE exams. We are very proud of them. Exams and booster sessions continue next week, with lessons in between. In recognition of Year 11s' hard work so far, **they will have an early finish at lunchtime next Friday.** All other year groups will be in school until 3pm as normal.

Finally, I am pleased to share with you **the report from our recent Ofsted monitoring visit**, which accompanies this letter.

A few notes for you before you read it:

- schools in special measures have to remain in that category for around two years before Ofsted is allowed to improve the grading it gives them;
- the first page of the report is a series of statements that are the same for all schools in our situation, and will be the same on our future monitoring visit reports;
- the remainder of the report describes the huge progress so far of students, staff, families and SGS Academy Trust in making Forest High the best school it can be;
- and, alongside describing this progress, the report sets out some things that Ofsted wants to see us doing even better by the time of the next visit (hopefully before the summer holiday).

There are many highlights in this report. I will finish this week's letter with one of them:

"The multi-academy trust has been instrumental in supporting the headteacher to provide a broad curriculum and assemble a skilled and well-motivated staff team, determined to improve the school."

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours,

Alan Dane
Headteacher