Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you for the support you have given us at Sandwell Community School. Last year I made a number of important changes to ensure SCS provides the best education for our learners and we feel that we have had many successes. We have had to ensure that all aspects provide value for money and enhance the prospects of all of our learners. There are still many challenges, however there will be no further major changes to the model we have created. I would just like to remind you of key aspects of SCS.

Centres of Learning from September 2018

West Bromwich Campus is our Main School for Y7 through to Y11
Wednesbury Campus is our Induction Centre
Smethwick Campus is our COPE Centre
Tividale Campus is our Preventative Centre

LAST DAY of Summer Term

Students will break up for the Summer holiday at 12.30pm on Friday 20th July.

START date in September

Next academic year all of the teacher training days will take place during the first week, Monday 3rd September through until Friday 7th September. Therefore, students will START on Monday 10 September 2017 at 9am.

School Day TIMES

Monday – Thursday 9am – 2.30pm   Friday 9am – 1.30pm

UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear black trousers or skirt, white shirt, plain black jumper and black footwear. Hoodies are not to be worn in school, as they pose a health and safety risk. Students not appropriately dressed will be asked to return home to get changed.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be our number 1 priority. I would like your support in ensuring the students attend their 190 days' education in an academic year. As we all know they can only learn and develop if they are in school. An ATTENDANCE LETTER outlining procedures and expectations is enclosed.

BEHAVIOUR

We expect the highest standards of behaviour in all of our Centres of Learning. We encourage all students to take responsibility for their own actions both in and out of school and to consider their impact upon others. I would like to share with you our behaviour rules based on our CREATE principles:

- ➢ Cooperate at all times and follow reasonable instructions
- ➢ Respect for each other, the buildings and other people's property
- ➢ Effort is expected for all learning to be completed to the best of abilities
- ➢ Attend when you should to maximise learning time
- ➢ Tolerance of others and their cultures
- ➢ Excellence at all times

REWARDS

We have improved our rewards system. Students will have the opportunity of gaining CREATE points throughout each day and ATTENDANCE rewards. Students can gain vouchers or participate in the many reward trips.

Improving Safety

We will be significantly improving safeguarding at the main school at West Bromwich with security features. We are investing in new external perimeter fencing, new external doors and anti-climb roof spikes to prevent access to the

roof. We are anticipating much of this work to be completed during the Summer holidays. Further improvements are also being planned to ensure the highest standards of Safeguarding.

Working in Partnership
We have worked hard to ensure that we are working alongside external partners to improve the life chances of our learners. The new security features have been supported by both the Police and West Midlands Fire Service. Already this year, Police have worked with our staff to conduct random searches of our sites and we are pleased to inform you that there have been no issues as a result. Next year, I intend to continue to work with the Police and will be planning **random searches** on all of our sites. This important message needs to be shared with your son/daughter.

NEWSLETTER
In line with our vision CREATE EXCELLENCE TOGETHER, we would like to share with you our newsletter that highlights this EXCELLENCE.

I hope you all have a safe and rewarding Summer break.   If you have any queries, then please feel free to contact the Head of Campus.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Morgan