

The ContinU Plus Academy



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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I hope that everyone is well and just wanted to update you with news from our school and information about the new half term.

Firstly, the return to school has gone well and the ContinU Plus Academy is busy with 110 pupils now on roll. Our attendance is 89% at the moment- the highest for an Alternative Provision school in the country.

Uniform

Uniform is still a bit of an issue so here is an outline of our expectations:

- Wear a school T Shirt, and preferably the adidas tracksuit we have provided.
- Failure to wear at least the school T shirt will result in our pupils being returned home to change.
- All trousers should be thick enough to not show the outline of underwear.
- No belly tops or sliders/slippers or onesies. No pyjamas.
- Hoods/hats are not allowed inside the school building and pupils may be banned from wearing hoodies if they refuse to follow this rule.



Vapes/cigarettes

In line with national guidelines all vapes/cigarettes must be handed in on arrival at school, to be returned at the end of the day, or for year 11 at breaktimes.

Any sighting or use of vapes during the school day will result in the issuing of a half day suspension in an attempt to reduce these incidents and protect our pupils.



TED day

The ContinU Plus Academy will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 22nd November, as the staff have training. There is a further TED on Friday 22nd December.

Trips

This term is full of festive fun with visits to the German market in Birmingham, an ART/Christmas shopping trip to London, and lots of careers activities for pupils to engage with. There will be a trip to the pantomime in Wolverhampton, and plenty of ice skating too.

We are proud to announce our first work experience placement with Community Housing, and hope that this is the first of many.

Christmas Fair

Christmas is coming and as usual the ContinU Plus academy will be celebrating with pupils by putting on a Christmas fair with fancy dress and stalls. On Thursday the 21st December pupils will return home at 11.30am in order to give staff time to fully prepare the winter wonderland. Christmas characters will come to pick pupils up from around 5pm to bring them back into school. The Fair normally finishes with a special visit and a lift home at around 7-7.30pm. If anyone wishes to donate prizes for our stalls or to sponsor a stall (£25) we would gladly appreciate the support.



Family Support



We are very aware that this time of year can be difficult and we are committed to helping you wherever we can.

If you are struggling with food, basics, or mental health issues contact us/look at the website for links to other agencies that are here to help.

As usual we will be delivering Christmas hampers (22nd December) and presents to families in need of a bit of support.

If you feel that this applies to you this year do not hesitate to confidentially contact me on my email sd263@cpa.worcs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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