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Dear parents/carers,

I hope this message finds you well. As we dive into another exciting week at Ipswich Academy, I want to take a moment to reflect on our students' remarkable achievements and ongoing initiatives. We are proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by both our staff and students.

Monday 4th November - PD day

Half term is now only two weeks away. The last day of this half term is Friday 25th October. The first day back in school for students is Tuesday 5th November.

Earrings and nose rings

A reminder that students can wear nose and ear studs, however nose rings and hoop earrings are not part of the school uniform expectations. For an extensive list please visit our school website.

When students are taking part in PE and are not able to take out their nose or ear studs, they must provide their own tape to cover the jewellery for their lesson.

Parking outside school

We have received a letter from the council that there are to be double yellow lines on the road outside the school. If you are picking up or dropping off your child from school please utilise the car park rather than parking outside the school grounds.

Halloween

A reminder about the concerns that have allegedly involved our students from previous Halloweens. We were made aware of groups of youths that were using 31st October as an excuse to deface and cause criminal damage in the area. If we hear of or have evidence to suggest that any of Ipswich Academy's students are involved in future events such as this, we will use the sanctions available to us in our behaviour policy. We do not condone this type of behaviour or any association with it.



Non-prescription medication

We have updated our self administering medication procedure. If your child is bringing **non-prescription** medication to school to self administer you need to complete the following.

1 - Fill in [this form](#) with details of the medication for each day they will bring this into school.

2 - Write a note in the student planner to confirm the above.

This information is available on the [contact us](#) part of the Ipswich Academy website. Please note that students should only bring enough medication on site for their needs that day.

Keeping your child safe online

Our safeguarding trainers, ECP safeguarding, have a website which is dedicated to upskilling parents and carers in their knowledge of apps, games and parental controls on mobile devices. They have a user-friendly web page which I encourage you to have a look at. The app and games sections are particularly interesting and helpful - especially the age ratings on the apps! Please click the link below to view the site.

<https://www.kidsonlineworld.com/parents--carers.html>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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