

8th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey we have had together and express my thanks for your support and involvement in our school community. This year has been filled with numerous achievements, growth, and memorable moments for our pupils. From academic accomplishments to extracurricular successes, our pupils have demonstrated remarkable resilience, creativity, and determination. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the strong partnership between our dedicated staff and you, the parents, and carers.

This year has been incredible. We have a celebrated numerous events and milestones, from school talent shows and sports events to science trips and cultural celebrations. These occasions have not only showcased our pupils' talents and hard work but have also strengthened the bonds within our school community. It has been wonderful to see so many of you participating and cheering on our pupils.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We are committed to continuously improving our enrichment programmes and ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible education.

1) End of term arrangements

The school day will finish from 12pm for primary and 12.30pm for secondary on Friday 12th July 2024. It is important all pupils attend school on this day.

2) Start of term arrangements:

The Academy opens to pupils on Wednesday 28th August. School starts at 8:25am.

It is important that pupils arrive on time and in full school uniform. We will continue to be vigilant about ensuring our pupils wear their uniform correctly. Below are summary points of the schools' expectations.

- Shoes should be plain black leather with a maximum heel height of 5cm and maximum sole thickness of 2cm (heel is measured from the ground to the welt up the back of the heel;
- No coloured logo. Boots are also not allowed;
- Charcoal grey trousers or skirt should be worn; Tights and socks should be dark grey or black;
- Hoodie tops, black leggings other non-uniform items and must not be worn while in school;
- Pupils are expected to bring a school bag every day.
- Pupils can wear a watch apart from a <u>Smart Watch</u>. No other items of jewellery are permitted;
- Pupils are not allowed to wear ear, noise, tongue or other piercings. If they have any visible piercings or retainers these must be removed before the school day;

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- The use of a plaster to cover any of these items is also prohibited;
- Nail varnish and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted;
- Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories should be small;
- Extreme hairstyles e.g. unnatural colours or shaved lines or patterns are not allowed; Boys hair should not be below the collar;

Together, we have created a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students to thrive. This is special and I believe if we continue working hard to create the right environment for children, we will experience continued successes and achievements. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to seeing you all in August.

Yours sincerely

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