



21st March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Arrangements for the End of Term and End of Year Exams

We have had a very busy term at the Academy which has seen exciting events such as BBC School Report Trip to London, a range of charity events to include Race for Life, Y11 Super Learning Days, Pizza and Coke Nights, the Academy production of A Midsummer Night's Dream and much more.

As we approach the Easter break I would like to inform you of the end of term arrangements and inform you of some important dates for the remainder of the year.

The Academy will break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday 7th April 2017**. Students will finish at the normal time of **2.45pm**. Students will return to school on **Monday 24th April 2017**.

The Year 11 GCSE exam series starts officially on **Thursday 4th May** until **Tuesday 27th June**. No holidays should be booked during this time. All students should be present for all exams.

All other year groups will complete end of year exams as indicated below, in order to assess their academic progress over the last year of teaching. These will all be completed under exam conditions in order to prepare students for the expectations of GCSE exams in Year 11. No holidays or leave should be taken during these times:

- Year 10 will take place between 19th June and 30th June
- Year 9 will take place between 8th May and 12th May
- Year 8 will take place between 3rd July and 6th July
- Year 7 will take place between 12th June and 16th June

Other important dates for your diary over the forthcoming term are:

- Friday 30th June Year 11 Prom
- Friday 7th July Activities Day

As an Academy we have been working hard to improve attendance to school and punctuality to lessons. One of the main reasons for student absence is medical appointments. You can help boost your child's attendance by:

- Booking medical and other appointments outside of school time (avoid appointments between 8.40am and 2.45pm)
- Ensuring your child returns to school immediately after appointments if they cannot be booked outside of school time
- Only keeping your child off ill under extreme circumstances and ensuring they return to school as quickly as possible if they are ill.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another busy and exciting term when we return.

Yours sincerely

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