

**Our Ref. EF/PLG**  
**Date: 12 July 2018**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the last day of this academic year, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. This day sees our very first whole school activity day! We have a whole range of trips and visits taking place on this day, involving all of our students from Y7-Y10. We are all very excited about this and hope that students enjoy the day as much as we hope they will. Students will be given the finer details nearer the time, but all should come to school at the normal time where they will be met and organised into their trip groups. **Students do not need to wear school uniform.** Those students who are not going on a trip, must come to school for a normal day, but may also come in non-uniform. Students entitled to a free lunch, and who wish to take one with them on the trip, will have a packed lunch organised for them. Students remaining in school will be able to get lunch on site as normal.

#### **New Academic Year 2018-2019**

School will reopen to students on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and all students will start school at 8.35am. (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September will be taken as an INSET day).

#### **Uniform reminder**

Please ensure you re-familiarise yourself with our uniform guide to ensure your child is prepared and ready for the new school year with the correct uniform. If you would like to bring any new uniform in to school to check that it is in line with our policy, a member of staff will be available on our GCSE results day, **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 between 9am and 11am.** This will take place in the KS4 study area. Can I please also remind you to avoid your child having new, additional piercings or extreme haircuts/colours too close to the start of the term. We have also noticed a considerable increase in female students wearing acrylic nails. This has caused a number of health and safety issues, especially in PE, and would please ask that students do not wear them.

I would like to thank you all for the support that you have shown myself and the Academy over the course of 2017-2018. It has been a hugely successful year for the Academy and much has been achieved which will help the Academy to go from strength to strength. I will continue to keep you up to date via my termly newsletters (please see my summer edition on our website and/or via the link on our Facebook page). Through our partnership between home and school, we have continued to ensure high standards despite the national pressures and so thank you for helping us to ensure the majority of students attend school, arrive on time, wear correct uniform and try their best. It really does make a difference – not just to your child's education but to the education of all students in our community.

Enjoy a lovely summer break and we will look forward to welcoming students back to school in September.

Yours faithfully



E Fairhurst (Mrs)  
Principal.