



20th July 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an exciting time for us in the last few days. We have had the usual activity at the end of term combined with moving into our new building. Overall we are delighted with the facilities. As you all know when you move house there is still a lot to get used to and systems to develop and refine. It is also a time when we look forward to the start of a new term in September.

Term will start for students on Tuesday 7th September; staff will start work on Monday 6th. Students in Year 7 and newly into Year 12 students should start at the normal time. All other students should arrive at 10:00 am for a 10:10 am start with their tutor groups. The reason for this slight staggering is that the new Year 7 students had their induction in our old buildings and we are allowing them a little time to have a tour of the new building, be given their timetables as well as a chance to orientate themselves. In addition we have made a very slight change to the timings of the school day. The normal Academy day will now finish at 3:05 pm for which there are a number of reasons; among them a desire to have a little more daylight for sporting activities in the winter months. In addition our new restaurant facilities should enable us to be much more efficient at lunchtime.

I would like to thank students and parents for their continued support for our expectations on dress and appearance. There is a current fashion for short skirts and we would ask for your support in ensuring that skirts are worn at the top of the knee and are appropriate and consistent with a place of work. In our new building we have a strict expectation of all our people that there will be no (staff and students) chewing of gum inside our new facilities. We are confident that this is a fair and reasonable expectation. We are all aware of the problems that can be caused by the anti-social disposal of chewing gum.

Our students have worked hard in their academic subjects this year and I would like to remind you of the dates and times for exam result collection in August (Tuesday 24th August for GCSEs and Thursday 19th August for A Levels). Students should report to reception any time after 9:30 am. As normal we will finish the summer term with a whole Academy assembly on Wednesday 21st July. This will mean that the normal Academy day may finish a fraction earlier, at or around 3:00 pm.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Academy to thank you again for your continued support and we wish you and your family all the very best for the remainder of what we hope is a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Griffiths
Principal