

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this busy and unusual year. In particular I would like to thank you for all your support in ensuring students have completed their home learning and sent the work to their teachers. The Academy has continued to improve this year and we have another large intake of students in September as a result of our ongoing success.

As we look forward to the next academic year, there are a number of changes we need to make to comply with the Government guidance for full opening of schools. These will be explained to students as each year group returns. Details will be posted on our Facebook page and website.

In order to ensure a safe start to the term students should return to the Academy at the following times.

Years 7 and 12: Thursday 3rd September at 8.35am

Year 13: Friday 4th September at 8.40am

Year 11: Friday 4th September at 9am

Year 10: Monday 7th September at 9am

Year 9: Monday 7th September at 10am

Year 8: Monday 7th September at 11.30am

Looking forward to September we want to see enthusiastic, well behaved and smart students. Our Behaviour Policy says that good behaviour and full attendance enables high standards of learning to be achieved. We expect good behaviour all of the time and we also expect full attendance each day.

Our Uniform Policy will be strictly enforced without exception. Available on our website is an information sheet of the types of items that are acceptable and those that are not acceptable. Please take time to read this important information in order that correct uniform items are purchased. Particularly I would like to draw your attention to shoes which need to be **plain black** and not trainer type shoes, and they need to be without buckles or accessories. No boots are allowed. Tailored trousers are to be worn as per the sheet attached, black socks and PE kit. All details about uniform and our uniform policy are on our website (Parents and Students tab) or available from Reception. The correct PE kit needs to be brought into school for every PE lesson without exception please. Failure to do this will result in detention. Please note that even if a student is not taking part in the lesson they may be asked to change into their PE kit by staff so it is important that every student has their correct PE kit for every PE lesson.

A reminder to purchase uniform early during the holiday period, in particular blazers from Clemmys or First Choice Uniforms in Wednesbury. All items are now in stock.

A reminder of term dates for 2020/21 are also attached. Finally, a reminder of our website address www.graceacademy.org.uk (select Darlaston site). I hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Anstey - Associate Principal