

8th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of term, I wish to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and collaboration. Within this letter, you will find key information regarding the Easter holiday dates, academy updates, and general reminders.

End of Term Information

The term ends on **Friday 11th April at 12.10pm**. During this day, we will have normal lessons supplemented by assemblies to celebrate student successes with rewards. Anyone eligible for Free School Meal will be able to collect a lunch from the canteen at breaktime. We look forward to welcoming the students back on **Monday 28th April 2025 at 8.20am**.

As a celebration of students' hard work and dedication this term, there will be a **non-uniform day on the last day of term: Friday 11th April**. Please read the enclosed guidance to help this non-uniform day run smoothly; students are asked to be sensible and follow usual academy behaviour guidelines.

As an additional thank you for students' hard work and good attendance, we will be offering a free portion of chips to every student to grab at breaktime. (Other menu items will be available as always).

Celebrating the Term

This term, we have seen numerous events and extra-curricular activities taking place, including social action trips such as litter picking, volunteering at the town hall, and our 'Tiny Trees' project to improve a local green space.

We also had an extremely successful careers week with motivational speakers and a careers fayre with over 28 education and employment providers meeting hundreds of students to discuss aspirations and pathways to individual success.





ACE School of **CHARACTER**

We are truly proud of our students' achievements and grateful for your support as parents/carers in fostering our core values and character curriculum. This has all led to the academy being recognised with the ACE Quality Mark – an award from the Association for Character Education for schools where character education is delivered in an explicit, planned and reflective manner in the interests of human flourishing

Easter Enrichment

Students with exams after the Easter holidays will receive invitations to holiday enrichment, where appropriate. This opportunity is led by class teachers and leaders to provide further revision and tutoring ahead of the Summer exam series. Your support in their attendance is appreciated.

Summer Term

Next term will be as busy as always with the start of exams as well as numerous events. We have rewards activities such as 'Inflatable Mayhem' and a visit from the Ice Cream Van, as well as inspiring sessions and workshops to include language events, enterprise challenges, values days and many enriching trips and visits.

Our website will be updated with the exams calendar and information for your reference:
<https://darlaston-graceacademy.org.uk/useful-info/exams/>

Key Dates:

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – Academy closed
Wednesday 7th May – Late Start – Academy opens at 9.20am
Friday 23rd May – End of Half Term (May half term 26th to 30th May)
Tuesday 24th June - Late Start – Academy opens at 9.20am
Monday 30th June – INSET Day – Academy closed
Friday 18th July – End of Term



On behalf of all the staff at Grace Academy Darlaston, I wish you and your family an enjoyable and safe Easter break. Thank you once again for your support this term.

Yours faithfully

Henry Holland
Principal

Non-Uniform Day Information:

To help this non-uniform day run smoothly, students are asked to be sensible and follow usual academy behaviour guidelines and obey a few simple extra rules:

- There should be **no low-cut tops, exposed midriffs (stomach area) or short skirts/shorts (in line with usual policy)**
- There should be **no pyjamas** or any other sleeping wear being worn including onesies
- There should be **no offensive logos or offensive writing/drawings** on jumpers, t-shirts or other clothing
- Students will **not be allowed to wear caps or hats**
- Students are allowed to wear false nails and eyelashes, but these must be removed before 28th April on the return to the academy

PE/Sports:

Please ensure that your child brings P.E/Sport kit if they have P.E/Sport on their timetable that day.

Design:

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate footwear if they have Design Technology on their timetable that day.

Anyone not adhering to these rules or wearing inappropriate clothing will be dealt with in accordance with usual academy procedures.

Uniform Expectations Reminder:

Acceptable examples of plain black shoes and Trousers/Skirt:



Not Acceptable Shoes and Trousers/Skirts

