

12th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this busy but very successful year. There have been improvements in every aspect of our Academy this year and we have another large intake of students in September as a result of our continued success.

We look forward to the next academic year which starts on Tuesday 4th September at 8.30am for students in Year 7 and Year 12 only and on Wednesday 5th September at 8.30am for all students.

Students will finish the current term on Friday 20th July at 12.15pm. The Academy bus will leave the Academy at 12.30pm for all school bus users.

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 on time at the start of the day 8.30am, and for each lesson throughout the day.

I enclose a copy of our Uniform Policy for your attention. From September our Uniform Policy will be strictly enforced without exception. I have also enclosed 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 enclosed, black socks and PE kit. There will be no tolerance for unacceptable uniform items from the start of September.

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.

There are some changes to our behaviour system in September. If a student has to spend time in the refocus room, any detention set will be sat on the same night. Parents will be notified by text. Please ensure that we have correct and up to date telephone numbers which you need to advise via a form available from reception.

A reminder to purchase uniform early during the holiday period in particular Blazers from Clemmy's or our new provider First Choice Uniforms in Union Street, Wednesbury. All items are now in stock.

Also enclosed is the list of term dates for 2018/19 including inset days.
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 faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Salt .". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Carl Salt – Principal