

17th July 2017

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 are all very proud of achieving our 'Good Provider' rating by Ofsted. **We look forward to the next academic year which starts on Tuesday 5th September at 8.30am for students in Year 7 and Year 12 only and on Wednesday 6th September at 8.30am for all students.**

Students will finish the current term on Friday 21st July at 12.15pm. The school 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, not trainer type shoes and without buckles or accessories, tailored trousers 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.

A reminder to purchase uniform early during the holiday period in particular Blazers from Clemmy's.

Also enclosed is the list of term dates for 2017/18 including inset days.

Finally a reminder of our website address www.graceacademy.org.uk (select Darlaston site).

I would also like to bring to your attention a change in the school day for any students that are placed in isolation. Parents will be informed of the period of isolation prior to it taking place.

Students placed in isolation will remain in school until 3.45pm on that day.

Hopefully this extra deterrent for poor behaviour will help us to ensure a calm learning environment remains in the academy at all times.

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 style with a period at the end.

Carl Salt – Principal