



Head of Academy: Mr P Weir
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Our ref: PWE/scl

18th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carer

We are reaching the end of a very busy and successful summer term. I am sure you will join with me in thanking staff for the range of activities going on in school including: our school camp at Blackwell Court; performances by our singers and musicians at the Tower of London; all of our Year 8 performing Shakespeare's *A Merchant of Venice* at Stratford; our Year 7 finalists at the National Enterprise Challenge; the superb Grand Iftar; our filmed exchange visit project with a school in Tamworth and a range of activities which we believe should lead to our Academy being the first Birmingham secondary school to receive the UNICEF UK Gold Rights Respecting School Award. All this is achieved through our hard working staff and students collaborating together. It was excellent to see many parents of our students moving from years 9 to 10 attend a meeting last Monday in which we shared ideas on how to support the young people to achieve their very best. Thank you to those who attended and thank you for the excellent feedback we received, which we will follow up. Of course, this all followed our very successful Ofsted inspection. There will be a newsletter celebrating these and many other achievements through this year.

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for both the end of term and the start of next term.

The Academy will close at between **12pm and 12.30pm on Friday 20th July for the summer holidays.**

After staff training, we will open for the new academic year on **Tuesday 4th September for Years 7 and 11 only, at the normal time.**

The Academy will open for **all year groups on Wednesday 5th September at the normal time.**

Thank you for your support in our drive to have the highest standards of uniform and equipment and please ensure our young people are ready to start fully prepared and smart in September. Please may I remind you that this includes having a dictionary and both blue/black and green pens.

On behalf of all at the Academy, I would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you a peaceful summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Weir
Head of Academy