



17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Class of 2028 – End of Term letter**

I would like to thank you for an amazing final few weeks of this academic year. It has been wonderful getting to know your child, and I am really excited about working with them during Year 11. There are some truly amazing characters. Given what I have seen over the last few weeks, I am certain that this year group will have a very successful final year at the Academies.

The most important day next year is of course GCSE results day: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026. The second most important to your children may be the Prom, which is always a fabulous time for all. We are yet to finalise a date and location; however, the event always takes place after the final exam which is normally towards the end of June. All students are invited to attend the Prom, however there are a few conditions that all students must adhere to in order to keep their invitation:

- Students with an attendance percentage below 90% across the academic year will not be allowed to attend.
- Any students who do not follow the Academies' behaviour expectations will not be allowed to attend.
- Students who miss a GCSE examination for any reason will not be allowed to attend.

Please remember that any time out of school will have a negative effect on a child's attendance level. This includes GP and orthodontist appointments. A letter regarding the Prom will be sent home early in September.

### **Uniform and equipment**

As you will be aware, from September we will be setting the example for the rest of the year groups, so I expect us to be impeccably dressed. To help with this, I thought I would send a gentle reminder regarding the Academy uniform expectations. All of our students are expected to wear full Academy uniform with black socks for the boys and leather or leather-look shoes for both the boys and girls. I have noticed when buying my own children new school shoes, that some of the shops have trainers in their shoe section. A slightly naughty way of making extra money! Please note that any students who arrive to school in trainers on any day of the week, will be expected to wear some school shoes the Academy can provide for the day or be placed into the inclusion room. This will commence from the first day of Year 11.

Students who have their ears pierced are only allowed to wear one plain stud in each ear. Any other piercings or jewellery will be confiscated. Please bear in mind that the summer holidays are approximately 6 weeks long so any new piercings will need to happen at the start of summer. False nails and false eye lashes are also not allowed and will need to be removed before returning to lessons. If a student arrives to school with either of these items, they will need to be removed before the student can attend their lessons. Students are **NOT** allowed to use handbags; black rucksacks will be needed by all students and please ensure your child is fully equipped for our return. Students who arrive to school with false nails or lashes will be placed into inclusion for the day if they cannot be removed.

**Principal:** Michelle Dyer



It is essential the year group are fully prepared for Year 11. An equipment list is below for you.

- Black ruck sack (handbags are not permitted)
- 30 cm long, clear plastic pencil case
- Helix Maths Set (or a Compass and Protractor)
- 30cm ruler
- Translucent reading ruler
- Casio FX-83GT calculator
- 3 x black pens
- 1 x HB pencil
- 4 x different coloured highlighters
- 1 x white board pen
- 1 x green pen

### 5pm Club

Throughout Year 11, punctuality to school and lessons will be closely monitored. Students who are persistently late to school and/or lessons will join the 5pm Club. During the first full week back after the summer break, a message will be sent home with the number of late to lesson marks your child may have received and whether or not they will be joining the club. This will continue weekly, and students will join at the end of each week. Punctuality to lessons is important. If a student is late to every maths lesson for example, they will miss 2 weeks' worth of maths learning across the academic year. Students who arrive late to lesson also disrupts the learning of others.

Students who are late to five or more sessions in a week will join the club. These students will be members of the club for the remainder of the half term and will be monitored daily. Any who are late to two or more sessions per day, will be issued with a next day 5pm detention. Texts will be sent home after 3pm. Please note that tutor time and DEAR time are counted as sessions. Students who are persistently late to school will also join the 5pm Club. The 5pm Club has raised standards significantly for previous cohorts and allows the year team to get to know your child very well and ascertain what other support is required for success in Year 11.

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am about next year. We have some big boots to fill, however having witnessed the year group in action over the last three weeks, I truly believe we can do this and set the standard even higher for the Class of 2028.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Leon Nash**  
**Head of Year 11**

**Principal:** Michelle Dyer