

15<sup>th</sup> July 2022



Joseph  
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Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final letter of the summer term, and I would like to begin by saying thank you to everyone associated with the academy community this year for your hard work and support. The academy has developed and improved massively again this year and there have been many successes that we have shared as a community. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the summer break and I hope that you are all able to have a good rest.

Before we break for the summer, there are a few arrangements to clarify and reminders that I would like to give.

**End of term arrangements:**

Term ends next Friday, and students will be dismissed at 12.15pm. There will be normal lessons in the morning and students should come equipped for learning and in their usual school uniform. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be able to pick up their food at breaktime. This will be in a bag so students can either eat it during breaktime or at the end of the morning.

**Extreme Temperatures on Monday and Tuesday:**

As you are no doubt aware, the weather forecast is showing that it is going to be extremely hot over the weekend and into the first part of next week. Temperatures of 38 degrees have been forecast for Monday and Tuesday and this is something that we all need to be mindful of. As a result of this we have the following arrangements in place:

**Early closure for students on Monday and Tuesday:**

Many areas of the academy are likely to become uncomfortably hot as the temperature rises across the day. We will therefore be running lessons 1 to 3 only which will mean that **students leave at 12.15pm**. There will be an option to stay for a school lunch and then go home afterwards. In addition, we will maintain a supervised space within the small number of air-conditioned rooms we have in school for any students who need to remain in school until 2.50pm – parents/carers must contact the child's Head of Year if you would like your child to remain in school. Please could you inform them by 10.00am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July to allow us to plan accordingly.

**Uniform:**

Students are **not required to wear their tie or blazer on either Monday or Tuesday**. We would encourage students not to bring coats, jumpers or blazers into school and would also encourage top buttons of shirts to be undone to allow air to circulate.

**Sun hats and Sun cream:**

Students will be allowed to wear a suitable sun hat/cap when they are outside in the sunshine on Monday and Tuesday. At breaktime, we are fortunate to have plenty of outside space that is in the shade, and we would encourage all students to remain in the shade during break and lunchtime. We would also recommend that you equip your child with sun protection cream.



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## **Water/Liquids:**

Our ban on single use plastic bottle will temporarily be lifted and students are **encouraged to bring plenty of liquid to drink throughout the day**. We do have water fountains in all buildings so the best solution would be for all students to bring a refillable water bottle and top this up throughout the day when they are passing the water fountains.

Please note, throwing of water will not be tolerated under any circumstances and we are grateful for your support in reinforcing this message with your child.

## **Activities Week:**

Some of the activities are due to take place on our sports field and are set to last for 2 hours. We are concerned about students being exposed to the heat and sunshine for such a long period of time without the protection of shade and have therefore taken the difficult decision to **postpone the activities for Years 7 & 8 on Monday and Tuesday**. Year 9 & 10 activities should take place as planned on Wednesday and Thursday however a decision will be made early next week once we have reviewed the weather forecast.

## **Duke of Edinburgh Expedition:**

The **D of E Expedition planned for Monday and Tuesday will now not take place at this time**. The 2-day walk is planned form Cannock Chase and there is not a great deal of shade for the walkers. The D of E expedition that was planned for Wednesday and Thursday will go ahead as planned again, depending on the weather forecast.

It is very disappointing that we are having to postpone events due to the weather however we do need to be very mindful about the health and safety of all members of the academy community and we hope that you support us with this.

As the term ends, we say farewell to a number of staff who are leaving to begin new challenges elsewhere. This includes Mrs Ahmed from the Maths department, Miss Hill who has taught Health and Social Care and provided great support in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Miss Brogan from the Psychology, RE and Sociology team, Mrs Bibi and Miss Mahmood who have been covering for us in the Science department and Mr Kamentschuk who has been covering in Art. We are also saying farewell to Mrs Pearce who has assisted within the Food Technology team over several years. We wish them all the best for their future challenges and thank them for everything they've done to support the academy community.

I do hope you manage to stay cool over the next few days. We will take all the steps possible to ensure that students and staff remain as cool as possible and that we minimise the risks of the extreme heat.

I would like to thank you all once again for your support this year. I look forward to seeing you at an academy event in the new year.

Yours faithfully

Mr J. Ludlow



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