



Joseph  
Leckie  
Academy

21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to remind you that the Academy **closes at 3.00pm on Friday 23rd May** for the half term break and will re-open at the normal time on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**.

#### **Exam Season update**

This has been another busy term with so much going on and we have commenced the examination period which is a very important time for our Year 11 students, some early entry Year 10s, modular exams for Year 12 and final examinations and coursework for Year 13. The exams are going very well, with excellent behaviour from our students showing how determined they are to do the best that they can. This is a highly-pressurised time for all these students, but staff have once again gone over and above to help prepare students for their exams with Period 6 lessons, wellbeing support and additional revision sessions that are ongoing behind the scenes. We wish them every success in these exams.

#### **Snapshot from this half term:**

Although this has been a very short half term there have been so many additional opportunities for our students with several careers and work-related experiences such as a Media and Journalism careers event which we organised for 30 students, visits to a local engineering company to meet the CEO for some of our Post 16 students to name just a couple of very recent examples. It was lovely to see a good number of parents in school last week to watch their children give a very impressive drama performance. Our students also recently entered The King's Trust Enterprise Competition and worked hard towards preparing for the final. We are delighted to report that Joseph Leckie students won this competition with their amazing business idea. As part of this amazing achievement, they received a £500 prize to allow them to implement their business idea! As always, we have to thank the numerous staff who put a lot of time into organising and planning these opportunities behind the scenes.

#### **Next half term:**

During the next half term we have a lot to look forwards to with the annual "Culture Day", Rewards and Activities trips for those students who continually meet the Academy expectations, Year 10 Work experience week, mock exam weeks and many more enrichment opportunities. A list of key dates and activities can be found in the table below.

#### **Uniform reminders:**

During the half term break, please can you ensure that your child returns in full Academy uniform and, where your child has outgrown an item, please use half term to get their uniform sorted. Lanyards are also compulsory, so if they have lost their lanyard please ensure that you have ordered a replacement before we break up so it can be prepared for their return.



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There should be no hoodies, tracksuit tops or trainers worn and please refer to the jewellery policy and our policy on hair cuts and colours. We will be reinforcing our expectations this week and on return and making calls home and issuing consequences where students do not have the correct uniform. If there are some exceptional circumstances it is important that you liaise with your child's Head of Year to discuss these. [Joseph Leckie Academy - Uniform](#)

## **The Forge Brook Trust:**

Many of you will be aware that we have been working in close collaboration with several of our feeder primary schools for some time with a view to becoming a more formal 'family of schools' and creating a brand new multi academy trust. We are delighted to tell you that this new trust, which will be called The Forge Brook Trust, will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> June, following official approval from the Department for Education. It is a significant milestone in the history of Joseph Leckie Academy and the other schools joining the Trust, and it is the beginning of what we believe will be a very positive partnership between like-minded, highly inclusive and academically successful schools in the local area. The founding members of the Forge Brook Trust are Delves Junior and Infant Schools, Hillary Primary School, Palfrey Infant School and, of course, Joseph Leckie Academy. Our aim is to improve how we work together as schools, increase support and collaboration with one another and ultimately further raise the quality of education and opportunities provided to our students and their families. We have lots of exciting plans which we will share over the coming months.

## **Appointment of new Principal for Joseph Leckie Academy:**

You will be aware that Mr Ludlow has been undertaking the role of CEO of the new Trust in preparation for its opening and this will continue now on a permanent basis. You will also be interested to know that Mrs Arnold, currently Executive Headteacher of the Delves Federation, will become the Director of School Improvement within the new Trust. As the Trust nears its opening date, I am also pleased to tell you that we have appointed a permanent new Principal for Joseph Leckie Academy, following a rigorous selection process. Mr Andrew McNaughton will be joining Joseph Leckie in September as the new Principal to lead the academy into the next phase of its journey. Mr McNaughton is currently the headteacher of a large secondary school in the West Midlands and has 8 years' experience in this role. He was delighted to have been appointed and is really looking forward to taking up his new position and meeting with staff and students over the coming months. He will write to parents to introduce himself more fully over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please look out for more information about The Forge Brook Trust and the new opportunities that this will bring to our children and young people. Once again, we wish you a very pleasant and relaxing half term break.

Yours faithfully

James Ludlow  
CEO

Rachel Cook  
Associate Principal



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## Key Dates:

Week Commencing	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 9 Parents' evening 5pm – 7pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 all week	Year 10 and 12 Mock exams
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 all week	Year 10 Work Experience/Careers week Year 8 and 9 Mock week
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Pride of Leckie – Further information for students receiving awards will be sent to parents.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 all week	Year 12 Work Experience
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 11 Prom – parents have been sent information and consent forms
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 12 UCAS week Rewards and Activities days
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	End of term for students at 12.20pm



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