

2nd June 2025

Dear Families,

We hope you are all well and had a good half term break.

We are writing to update and remind you of some important information for the coming week and the teacher training day calendared on Friday 20th June.

Eid al-Adha 2025

We understand that many members of our academy community will be celebrating Eid al-Adha next weekend. We are also aware that some mosques may observe Eid on Friday.

This year, a number of important GCSE and A Level examinations are scheduled to take place on that Friday, and it is essential that there is no disruption to these. Alongside the exams, we have a carefully planned timetable of revision sessions to support all students, which will continue as usual whilst other years are involved in critical revision and preparations for upcoming mock assessments. As a result, Friday will be a normal school day for all students and staff, and we will not be able to authorise any absences on that day.

We respectfully ask all families to support our students by ensuring full attendance throughout the week, across all year groups. We are aware that many students took a day of authorised absence to observe Eid al-Fitr earlier in the year. In line with Department for Education guidance, schools are only able to authorise one day of religious observance per academic year.

We appreciate the importance of Eid and the significance it holds for our Muslim students and their families. While we are unable to grant leave on this occasion due to exam commitments and statutory attendance requirements, we want to express our sincere thanks for your understanding and continued support.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all those celebrating a peaceful and joyful Eid al-Adha.

Teacher Training Day – Friday 20th June 2025

We would like to remind parents and carers that Friday 20th June is a scheduled Teacher Training Day, as listed in the Academy Calendar. On this day, our staff will be taking part in a *Workplace Encounters Day*—an important professional development opportunity designed to strengthen our curriculum by building industry partnerships and enhancing our understanding of the evolving world of work.

This innovative initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to providing students with a high-quality education and robust careers guidance. We are confident that the insights gained from this experience will further enrich our already well-regarded curriculum and careers programme.



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Please note that the Academy will be closed to all students on this day, except for those who are sitting exams. **Students with scheduled exams should enter through the main Academy Reception and proceed directly to their designated exam room.**

The Term Ahead:

Week Commencing	
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Year 9 Parents' Evening 5pm – 7pm
Monday 16 th June 2025 all week	Year 10 and 12 Mock exams
Friday 20 th June 2025	Teacher Training Day (see above)
Monday 23 rd June 2025 all week	Year 10 Work Experience/Careers week Year 8 and 9 Mock week
Thursday 26 th June 2025	Pride of Leckie Awards Evening – Further information for students receiving awards will be sent to parents.
Monday 7 th July 2025 all week	Year 12 Work Experience
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Year 11 Prom – parents have been sent information and consent forms
Monday 14 th July 2025	Year 12 UCAS week Rewards and Activities days
Friday 18 th July 2025	End of term for students at 12.20pm

Yours faithfully,

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