

June 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Summer Term

As we approach the end of this academic year we are also looking forward with our planning for next year, and I thought I would write to you to let you know our term dates. Next year is going to be very exciting with moving into our new school building in January 2017. Progress with the new build is pleasing and it is now really taking shape. Over the last couple of months we have seen the concrete base, then steel structure, floors and cladding. This week the windows are being installed and then the internal fitting will begin in earnest.

We will move into our new school at the end of December 2016, start of January 2017. For us to move from our current building to our new school building we are going to need to have more time over the Christmas holiday. As we all know the process of moving house is very difficult with packing, unpacking and settling in. Moving school is on a much larger scale with 60 staff, over 40 classrooms and thousands of books and other resources to move, unpack and organise.

Term Dates for 2016/17 (for students – staff training days are listed separately below)

Autumn Term	Thursday 8 September to Thursday 8 December 2016
Autumn Half Term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2016

(Year 11 pupils will sit their mock exams from Monday 12 December to Friday 16 December and will be required to attend school)

Christmas Holiday	Friday 9 December to Tuesday 10 January 2017
Spring Term	Tuesday 10 January to Friday 7 April 2017
Spring Half Term	Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2017
Easter Holiday	Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April 2017
Summer Term	Monday 24 April to Friday 21 July 2017
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2017
Summer Half Term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017

Staff Training Days (school closed to students)

Monday 5 September 2016
Tuesday 6 September 2016
Wednesday 7 September 2016
Monday 31 October 2016
Friday 9 December 2016
Friday 6 January 2017
Monday 9 January 2017
Friday 17 March 2017
Friday 7 July 2017
Monday 24 July 2017

I know the extended holiday time for pupils at the end of the calendar year to allow the transition to the new building is not ideal, but is necessary to ensure when pupils return on Tuesday 10 January 2017, they will arrive in a building fit for purpose, with teaching classrooms ready for learning.

In order to provide continuity of learning, pupils will be provided with study packs to complete during the Christmas break.

As always, please ensure that you book your holidays within our published holiday dates, as we are unable to authorise holidays during term time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Roger Punton
Principal