



June 2023

Dear Families

There are just over three weeks left this term, they are action packed and within those days there are a number which will be non-standard. I wanted to take the opportunity to flag these days and what will be happening. There are also two planned days of industrial action by the National Education Union and these days will be disrupted.

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Eid**

We believe that Wednesday will be Eid and wish all of our families celebrating well, the Academy is able to grant one day's authorised absence for those students taking the day for religious observance. All other students are expected to attend the Academy as normal. Due to the absence of some staff and students the day will see some changes from the normal timetable.

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Family Forum**

We have tried a number of things to try and reach out through Family forum, these have included in person meetings, surveys and this time we will be hosting an online presentation from the Principal with the opportunity for parents to ask questions through teams. This will be at 5:00pm on Thursday and can be accessed from the following [link](#).

### **Work Experience – From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 10 will be on work experience during these dates. While most people will be on their secured placements any remaining students should attend the Academy to engage in a virtual work experience programme.

### **Year 6 Induction Days – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> July we will have a 'move up' day where students will meet some of their staff for next year and experience some of their lessons and understand what their new year will bring. As we have Year 10 out on work experience that day, year 9 will be with Year 10 staff, Year 8 with Year 9 staff and Year 7 with Year 8 staff.

### **Industrial Action – 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The NEU have again posted industrial action dates for the above days and the Academy will be badly disrupted on these days. While Year 10 students on placements will be continuing with work experience other year groups (and virtual work experience Year 10 groups) will be set remote learning on these days. We apologise for the disruption but must have enough staff to provide a safe working environment. Again, this is a dispute between the union and the government, not the Academy and its staff.



### **Shrek Performances – 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July we have our evening performances for Shrek. I hope you will join us in celebrating the students work. There will also be performances for some of the KS3 year groups during the week. Further details will be forthcoming about obtaining tickets.

### **GL Assessments – TBD**

Year 7, 8 and 9 will need to take their GL Assessments in English, Maths and Science as well as their NGRT and NGST reading and spelling tests. These are important tests for us as we have no other external data and we want the students to take them really seriously as well as receive appropriate preparation. These tests will have dates confirmed shortly.

### **Sports Day – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

The timetable for this day will be unusual, with year groups taken out for heats and throwing events in the morning and the whole school coming together for the finals after lunch. Students will come in their PE kit. If the weather forecast for Wednesday looks poor, it is possible this event could be moved to the Monday or Tuesday. Event lists will be organised in advance by the PE department.

### **Rewards Day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

This day will be totally collapsed with a number of trips out to Sandwell Valley, Drayton Manor, Mini Golf and Weston Super Mare. There will also be about half the students still on site, they will be engaging in rewards based departmental activities.

### **Final Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

The Final day will be a half day with students finishing at 12:40pm. Students will have periods 1 and 2 in subjects, and period 3 with form tutors.

It promises to be a busy end to the term, staff are working incredibly hard to make these last few weeks a joyous time for our students.

As always we thank you for your support.

Kind regards

George Faux  
**Principal**