



THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Part of The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust

July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

This will be my final letter to all parents/carers this academic year. I would like to thank students and staff for all their hard work that has gone into making this another successful academic year.

I would like to commend the conduct of our Y11 and Y13 students who were a credit to their families during the exam season and wish them every success in their future education and careers.

I would also like to thank parents/carers for your support throughout this past year in helping to keep our students on track with their learning and supporting the academy.

Staffing

We say goodbye to the following staff this term and wish them every success with their future plans:

Miss Kahn (Music)
Ms Peo (English)
Mr Barrett (Geography/HOY8)
Mr Halilaj (Science)
Miss Russell (History/HOY9)
Mr Degwa (Maths)
Ms Hussain (Maths)

We welcome the following staff who join the academy in September:

Mrs Chandy (Science)
Mrs Khanom (Maths)
Miss Madhi (Geography)
Mr Chapman (Music)
Mrs Taburet (English)
Miss O'Callaghan (Business Studies)
Mr Gordon (Spanish)
Miss Cody (History)
Mr Morley (English)
Miss November (Maths)
Mrs Naz (LSA)
Mr Foley (LSA)
Mrs Dutta (LSA)

End of term

The academy will close for the summer vacation at 12.30pm on Friday 19th July 2024. Students will be dismissed as follows:

12.15pm - Year 7 and Year 9
12.25pm - Year 8 and Year 10

It is expected that students go straight home after being dismissed.

Results Days

A Level Results Day is from 8.00am on Thursday 15th August - Please arrive at Bede Reception. Students should bring in textbooks to return to the academy on this day.

GCSE Results Day (and Sixth Form enrolment) is from 8.00am on Thursday 22nd August - Please arrive at Bede Reception. Students should bring in any textbooks/laptops to return to the academy on this day.

All students will receive their grades by email at 8.00am on the respective results' days – attending in person is optional.

Any parent/carer intending to collect the results on behalf of their child(ren), must have written permission from the child.

The start of term will be as follows:

Monday 2nd September – Inset Day (no students)
Tuesday 3rd September – Year 7 and Year 12 return at 8.40am
Wednesday 4th September – ALL students return to the academy at 8.40am

Uniform

I encourage parents/carers to consult with the academy website for the uniform code before purchasing any new uniform items.

Our PE kit may be the sports uniform available from Lucilla's or else plain black t-shirt, sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. **This does not include leggings, hoodies or 'short shorts'**.

The decision to allow PE kit to be worn on PE days remains in place for our students and as such the uniform code to be adhered to by all. Fashion design brand tracksuits are not permitted.

Term Dates 2024-2025

A copy of the term dates for 2024-2025 is attached for your reference. These can also be found on the academy's website.

I wish all families a safe and enjoyable summer vacation and look forward to welcoming back all our students in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr Downey
Headteacher