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26 August 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family have had a restful summer break and, like me, you are looking forward to the start of the new academic year.

Towards the end of the last academic year I wrote to you regarding the aim of the academy to reduce the amount of paper and printing we use. In 2018/19, the academy printed or photocopied in excess of 2.5 million pieces of paper, which I am sure you will agree is an astonishing amount.

We will be reducing our use of paper from September 2019 by sending letters and general communications with parents and carers through using the MyEd mobile app. **Please note that we will no longer be sending hard copies of letters home.** It is therefore essential that you download this app onto your mobile devices so that you can keep up to date with the latest developments at the academy. In order for the app to work correctly, you will need to link it to the contact details that we hold about you on our school systems. Should you not be able to download and set the app up correctly, please contact the academy and we will try and offer support.

In addition to this, the academy has also introduced our own Twitter and Instagram social media pages. We use both Twitter and Instagram to communicate regularly about the academy and would strongly encourage you to connect to either in order to maintain a strong communication link with the academy. Copies of letters will also be posted onto the academy website.

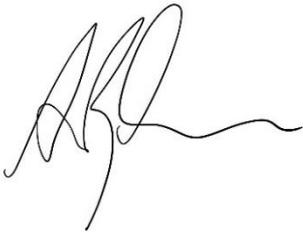
We look forward to welcoming students back to the academy on **Wednesday 4 September 2019**. The details of the start of term arrangements are detailed below.

<b>Monday 2 September</b>	Staff Training Day – Academy is closed to students
<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>	Staff Training Day – Academy is closed to students
<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>	8.40am – Year 7 students only 9.30am – Year 8 10.10am – Year 9 11.15am – Year 10 11.50am – Year 11  <b>Form tutors will be waiting to greet students in the Sports Hall prior to students attending a year group assembly.</b>
<b>Thursday 5 September</b>	Normal lessons will resume.

I would also like to remind you that all students must arrive to their form rooms by 8.45am every morning. Failure to do so will result in students being issued with a break time detention with further sanctions being issued for repeat tardiness. We will only accept medical reasons with appointment cards as a genuine reason for lateness.

I look forward to working with you all over the course of the new academic year.

Your faithfully,



**Mr A Ryder**  
**Principal**