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Dear Parent/Carer

As we move through the term, I would like to take this opportunity to share a number of important dates and upcoming events across the academy. As an all-through setting, we are proud to offer a wide range of opportunities for our children and students, from Nursery through to Sixth Form, and we hope this overview will help you plan for the weeks ahead.

Key Dates

Please find below a summary of important upcoming dates:

- 15th – 19th June – Year 10 Work Experience and Primary Sports Week
- 23rd June – Secondary phase Drop Down Day and Year 7 Parent Evening
- 26th June – Year 6 Transition Day
- 29th June and 1st July – Year 10 Geography Field Trip
- 29th June – Year 9 Core Exams
- 3rd – 6th July – Year 6 PGL Trip
- 9th July – Summer Fete at Academy Fields
- 10th July – Year 6 Graduation Event and Year 11 Prom
- 13th July – Reception Graduation Event and Year 6 Productions
- 13th – 15th July – Secondary Phase Culture, Sports and activity days
- 17th July – End of Term (early finish at 1:00pm)

Further details for each event will be shared with relevant year groups in advance.

Curriculum, Enrichment and Assessments

Year 6 pupils have now completed their Statutory Attainment Tests (SATs), and we await their results. Year 11 and Year 13 students are now halfway through their examination period. We are very proud of the way all of these young people have approached their exams, and we hope their results reflect the hard work and dedication they have shown.

As assessments conclude, our focus will shift towards transition pathways—particularly for Year 13 students, ensuring they are well supported in securing places at university, apprenticeships, or employment. A key part of this offer is our in-house apprenticeship provision through the Employability Hub.

Across the academy, all pupils will continue to benefit from a rich and engaging curriculum, alongside a wide range of enrichment opportunities. Over the coming weeks, this will include:

'The Collins PiXL Award for Outstanding Progress' National Award Winners 2014



- Increased use of Academy Fields
- Educational visits and trips
- Guest speakers and workshops
- Sports fixtures and competitions
- Arts performances and exhibitions

We encourage all students to take full advantage of these opportunities to enhance their learning and personal development.

Cadet Force

We are currently exploring the introduction of a Cadet Force within the academy. This initiative has the potential to significantly enhance our enrichment provision, offering structured opportunities that develop leadership, resilience, and character.

Activities may include trips and visits, careers education, Duke of Edinburgh pathways, student leadership opportunities, and participation in civic events. While there are links to the armed forces, there is no expectation that students pursue this route; the focus is on personal development, teamwork, and building positive life experiences.

Students who join would be provided with a free uniform, participate in weekly after-school sessions, and have access to subsidised weekend activities such as camping.

I would welcome feedback from parents on this proposal—both positive and constructive—and would be particularly interested to hear from any parents with service experience who may be willing to support this initiative.

Update on Police Communications

In recent days, I have shared communications from the police with parents of students in Year 6 and above regarding incidents in the local community. I appreciate that these messages may have caused concern.

I would remind all parents of the importance of ensuring that students travel directly home after school and avoid congregating in large groups. I would also reiterate that the academy has a strict policy regarding prohibited items. Where necessary, we will take appropriate measures, including the use of screening equipment, to ensure the safety of all members of our community.

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

We recognise that school uniform can be costly, particularly as children grow quickly. As part of our commitment to sustainability and our Eco-Schools work, we have a pre-loved uniform shop. Ms Tyler (secondary) and Ms White (primary) are our climate ambassadors who are leading on this initiative.

We would welcome donations of good-quality, clean uniform that is no longer needed. These items will then be made available to other families. Donations can be made at both the primary and secondary reception.

A stall will be available to donate or collect uniform at the Academy Summer Fete on **9th July 2026**.

We hope this initiative will support families while also helping to reduce clothing waste and protect the environment.

Working Together

As always, we value your continued support. Strong partnerships between home and school are essential in ensuring that all children and students thrive both academically and personally. Please continue to check communications regularly and support your child in being fully prepared for each school day.

Kind regards

Phil Cosby
Principal & CEO