

Dear Parents and Carers,

5 April 2011

I am writing to you to give advance notice of our holiday and Inset days for the remainder of this year and Academic Year 2011-12.

The two remaining Inset days for this year will be taken at the end of the Summer term on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July. **School will finish for students at 12:50pm on Wednesday 20th July 2011.**

At the start of the new Academic year, there will be two inset days on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September. This means that **all students will start the year on Wednesday 7th September.** Years 7, 11 and 12 should arrive by no later than 8:20am and Years 8, 9 and 10 by no later than 10:30am.

As you are probably aware, we are currently building state of the art learning and community facilities. Due to snow and other inclement weather earlier this year, not all of the new buildings will be ready for handover in September. Instead we will have partial occupancy from September (includes many of the classrooms, the Sixth Form study areas, the Sports Hall and our new dining area) and take full occupation of the remainder of the building during the October half term (24th – 28th October 2011).

In order to aid the smooth transition into the new buildings and maintain the efficient and effective education for all students, and having consulted with Academy Councillors, we will be extending the October half term by five days. Our remaining three inset days and two additional moving days will be taken in the week after the October Half Term, from 31st October to 4th November. This will allow staff time to move from the temporary accommodation into the new building and make it ready for the students.

During this additional week, intervention classes will be provided for students in Years 10 and 11 on Thursday and Friday and 11 (programme to be published in September), and their attendance at these classes is compulsory. Work will be set electronically for the two days not covered by Inset for all students, and its completion is expected. For those without computer access, work packs can be sent home by request.

All students will return to the entirely new Academy on Monday 7th November 2011. **A full list of term dates and inset days for the next academic year is printed overleaf.**

As I am sure you appreciate, this slight delay to the full completion of the building work was completely unforeseen and beyond our control. We have worked hard with Willmott Dixon and Croydon Council to minimise the delay to full occupancy and its impact on the students. I am confident that the solution we have found will ensure that disruption to our students' education will be minimal, although I fully acknowledge the inconvenience it may cause many of you who have to make alternative arrangements for supervising your children in this second week.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



David Millar, **Principal**

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Summer Term 2010-2011

Summer Term 1

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| Students Return | 08.25 Tuesday 26 th April |
| Royal Wedding Closure | Friday 29 th April |
| May Bank Holiday | Monday 2 nd May |
| Half Term | Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June (includes Bank Holiday) |

Summer Term 2

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| Students Return | 08:25 Monday 6 th June |
| End of term for students | 12.50 Wednesday 20th July 2011 |
| Staff Training Days | Thursday 21 st & Friday 22 nd July |

Academic Year 2011-2012

Autumn Term 1

Staff Training Days Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September

Students Return

Weds 7th September 2011

08:20 – Years 7, 11 & 12
10:20 – Years 8, 9 & 10

Half Term for students

Monday 24th October to **Friday 4th November**

- **Compulsory Intervention Days for Years 10 & 11 during w/c 31st October. (Timetable to be published in September).**
- **Years 7, 8, 9 & 12 will be set work for completion during w/c 31st October.**

Autumn Term 2

Monday 7th November 2011 to Tuesday 20th December 2011
Christmas Holiday – 21st December to 3rd January

Spring Term 1

Wednesday 4th January 2012 to Friday 10th February 2012
Half Term holiday – 13th to 17th February

Spring Term 2

Monday 20th February 2012 to Friday 30th March 2012
Easter Holiday – 2nd to 13th April

Summer Term 1

Monday 16th April 2012 to Friday 1st June
May Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May
Half Term Holiday – 4th to 8th June

Summer Term 2 – Monday 11th June to Friday 20th July