



Ref: EndofTerm/CTY/wlr

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure you agree that this academic year has been extremely challenging due to the pandemic, but we are now reaching the end and hopefully can look forward to a new settled academic year.

The last 18 months has been very difficult and frustrating for many reasons but I, and the staff, have been very grateful for your support and co-operation and I know you are very grateful for the enormous amount of support we have given our students.

It has been an incredibly busy end to the year and at the time of writing we are still awaiting guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) about the plans for the Autumn term regarding self-isolation and testing. However, once we have all the necessary information, I will write to you and keep you well informed.

As you are aware, we finish for summer on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** and below are the arrangements for the last day of the term. We will continue to stagger the end of the day and therefore, please can you take note of the times below. Can you only arrive at your allotted times and follow the usual protocols for picking up.

**Primary Siblings including Nursery – 12.10pm**

**Primary Non-Siblings including Nursery – 12.20pm**

**Years 7 & 8 – 11.55am**

**Years 9 & 10 – 12.05pm**

The mid-morning break will continue as normal. **School lunch will not be served.** A breakfast / brunch will be provided to all those entitled to Free School Meals during the morning break.

### **Re-Opening in September**

The planned re-opening in September will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** for all students. However, depending on the guidance from the DfE regarding testing and control measures we might need a staggered start. Once again, I will keep you updated over the summer holidays.

As you know, we have high standards and expectations of all students and I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your cooperation in ensuring that all students return to school with the correct uniform and equipment. A copy of the uniform policy can be found on the school website.

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Please can I ask that parents and carers pay particular attention to **acceptable footwear, as trainers or trainer style shoes are not permitted in either phase**. Enclosed is a guide for Uniform & Appearance that outlines our standards and expectations. In addition, piercings are not acceptable in school. If your child wishes to have a piercing, the six week Summer break offers ideal opportunity so that the wound is healed on return to school in September.

### **Uniform Sales**

The Grange Academy uniform is available to purchase from **Boydells** which is located in Widnes. 17-19 Victoria Road, Widnes, WA8 0PU. Phone number: 0151 424 3257.

Yours sincerely



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