

THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome everyone back to the last term of the academic year. I hope you all had a pleasant Easter break. This is a busy term and an important one for those students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who will be sitting their examinations. Nevertheless, this term is also important for Years 7-10 in ensuring that they are making the progress that is expected in preparation for next year.

Year 11 Booster Classes

These continue to run and I have attached the timetable again for your information. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions as this will give them the best chance of attaining the grades they deserve.

Summer Uniform Years 7-11

Students are now able to wear their summer uniform as set out below:

A plain white, short sleeved, school shirt/blouse is permitted for summer. All other uniform expectations, are as per winter uniform. Ties and blazers must be worn with the short sleeved shirt. **Summer shirts must be tucked in.**

Students can continue to wear their winter uniform in summer.

Please note that the white open-necked, short sleeved, school shirt with academy crest will be phased out from September 2017. Students will still be permitted to wear them for the 2017/18 academic year, however, for the 2018/19 academic year, the plain white short sleeved shirts will be required.

Staffing

We said goodbye to the following members of staff last term:

Marie Marshall – Science Technician – new venture
Emma Hurley – Librarian – new venture
Rob Miller – Science Teacher – taking up a new teaching post

Summer Fete

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, this year's Summer Fete, which was due to take place on Saturday 12th May, has been cancelled. We will, however, still be running the Grand Prize draw. Tickets are £1 each and prizes are £75, £50 and £25. Sixth Form students will be selling tickets around the academy. Parents are welcome to sell tickets to family and friends outside of the academy community. Tickets can be collected from Mrs Clarke at the academy. All monies raised will go towards helping the academy fund the new dining facilities for students.

Year 7 and Year 8 Disco

The above is scheduled to take place on Friday 22nd June. In order to get an idea of the number of students attending, students wishing to attend are encouraged to pay a deposit of £2 for their ticket. Further details are available from Mrs Mayer, Assistant Head KS3.

Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Attendance and punctuality are key to educational achievement. This term we will continue to enforce both our attendance and punctuality policies. Please be aware that attendance that is less than 95% is considered to be poor attendance and could have a detrimental effect on your child's progress.

Students must leave in enough time to get to the academy. We will accept exceptional circumstances but persistent lateness is unacceptable. Students will receive a same day 1 hour detention for lateness to the academy that is not supported by information provided from bus/train companies as the academy requests.

Term Dates for Academic Year 2018-2019

I enclose the term dates for the next academic year from September 2018 to July 2019. These are also available on the website.

Diary Dates

Please note that due to the Thanksgiving Mass taking place at St Cedd's Church, Goodmayes at 2pm, the academy will be closing at 12.45pm on Thursday 3rd May 2018. This Mass is being held to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the death of Canon Patrick Palmer. This is an invitation only event. If parents would like to attend, please contact Mrs Sharp at the academy who will send you an invitation. The academy will re-open as usual on Friday 4th May at 8.40am.

The academy will also be closed on Monday 7th May for the May Day Bank Holiday. The academy will re-open on Tuesday 8th May at 8.40am.

Finally, should you wish to see me regarding any matter pertaining to your child, please contact my PA, Mrs Julie Bolton, to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Yours sincerely



A Moise-Dixon
Headteacher