



THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

This will be my final letter to all parents/carers this academic year. I would like to thank students and staff for all their hard work that has gone into making this another successful academic year.

I would like to commend the conduct of our Y11 and Y13 students who were a credit to their families during the exam season and wish them every success in their future education and careers.

I would also like to thank parents/carers for your support throughout this past year in helping to keep our students on track with their learning and supporting the academy.

Staffing

We say goodbye to the following staff this term and wish them every success with their future plans:

Miss Waddell (Art)
Ms Cameron (English)
Mr Daaku (Science)
Miss Swan (Receptionist/Admin Assistant)
Miss Dualeh (English Teacher)
Mr Lalley (PE Teacher)
Mr Wilson (Science Teacher)

A special mention for a long-serving teacher, Mr Slack has worked at the academy since 1990, an amazing 36 years of service to our school. He now begins his well earned retirement. We are grateful for all he has contributed over the many years.

We welcome the following staff who join the academy in September:

Miss Smith – Science Teacher
Mr Mann – English Teacher
Mr Sikder Munni – Science Teacher
Miss McCann – Art Teacher
Miss Imbert-Weekes – PE Teacher
Miss Rahman – English Teacher

End of term

The academy will close for the summer vacation at 12.30pm on Friday 17th July 2026. Students will be dismissed as follows:

12.15pm - Year 7 and Year 9
12.25pm - Year 8 and Year 10

Results Days

A Level Results Day is from 8.00am on Thursday 13th August – students attending the academy should report to Bede Reception. Students should bring in textbooks to return to the academy on this day.

GCSE Results Day (and Sixth Form enrolment) is from 8.00am on Thursday 20th August – students attending the academy should report to Bede Reception. Students should bring in any textbooks/laptops to return to the academy on this day.

All students will receive their grades by email at 8.00am on the respective results' days – attending in person is optional.

Any parent/carer intending to collect the results on behalf of their child(ren), must have written permission from the child.

The start of term will be as follows:

Tuesday 1st September – Staff Inset Day (no students)
Wednesday 2nd September – Staff Inset Day (no students)
Thursday 3rd September – Year 7 and Year 12 students return from 8.20am
Friday 4th September – Year 7 and Year 12 students only
Monday 7th September – ALL students return to the academy from 8.20am

Uniform

I encourage parents/carers to consult with the academy website for the uniform code before purchasing any new uniform items.

Our PE kit may be the sports uniform available from Lucilla's or else plain black t-shirt, sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. **This does not include leggings, hoodies or 'short shorts'.**

The decision to allow PE kit to be worn on PE days remains in place for our students and as such the uniform code to be adhered to by all. Fashion design brand tracksuits are not permitted.

Mobile Phone Pouches

A reminder that students will be issued with mobile phone pouches when they return in September. Please see the academy's website for further information.

Term Dates 2026-2027

A copy of the term dates for 2026-2027 is attached for your reference. These can also be found on the academy's website.

I wish all families a safe and enjoyable summer vacation and look forward to welcoming back all our students in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr Downey
Headteacher