



THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Part of The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust

March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I wish all our parents/carers, students and staff a restful and enjoyable Easter break. A reminder that the academy will close by **12.20pm on Friday 1st April 2022**.

When we return, the Summer term is always a busy term and an important one for those students in Years 11 and 13 who will be sitting their GCSE and A Level exams over the next few months. The summer term is also important for Years 7-10 and 12 in ensuring that they are making the progress that is expected in preparation for next year.

Year 11 and Year 13 Master Classes

These will continue to run over the Easter holidays and into the Summer term. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions as this will give them the best chance of attaining the grades they deserve.

Staffing

At the end of this term we say goodbye to the following staff:

Ms Bailey – Head of Social Sciences and Head of Y13
Mr Sidhu – Maths Teacher
Mr Edwards – Head of PE and Head of Y11
Mrs Allitt – Assistant Head KS4
Ms Hibbert – Data & Exams Manager

In the new term we welcome the following members of staff:

Ms Oso – Lead Teacher of Social Sciences
Mr Degwa – Maths Teacher
Mr Londeno – Receptionist

We have also made the following internal staff changes:

Mr Larkin – Assistant Head KS5
Mr Millbery – Assistant Head KS4
Sr Ann-Marie Ezebube IHM – Chaplain
Mr Barrett – Head of Y10
Ms Russell – Head of Y11
Mr Avis – Head of Year 6th Form
Mr Lalley – Head of PE

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.

From Tuesday 19th April all students are expected to arrive at the academy from 8.20am until 8.45am, after which students will be recorded as late.

Academy Updates

Dates for future Virtual Parental Consultations evenings are as follows:

Year 12 – Wednesday 4th May – 4pm to 7pm

Year 8 – Wednesday 29th June – 4pm to 7pm

Year 7 – Wednesday 6th July – 4pm to 7pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2022-2023

I enclose the term dates for the next academic year from September 2022 to July 2023. These are also available on the website.

Diary Dates

The academy will be closed on Monday 2nd May for the Early May Bank Holiday. The academy will re-open on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.20am.

A reminder that the academy will close to students on Wednesday 20th July at 12.30pm for the summer holidays. Thursday 21st July will be a staff inset day and the academy will be closed.

A Level and GCSE Results Days

The A Level and GCSE grades will be released this summer on the following dates:

A Level - Thursday 18th August 2022

GCSE - Thursday 25th August 2022

Yours faithfully



Mr P Downey
Headteacher