



## THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Part of The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust

July 2021

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 assessment season and wish them every success in their future education or 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:

Mrs Lalikova (Finance)  
Mr Cooke (Geography)  
Mr Bhakar (Maths)  
Mr Jeyakumar (Maths)  
Mr Martin (History)

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

Mrs Smith (Finance)  
Ms Coleman (Geography)  
Ms Imeri (Maths)  
Mrs Farrelly (Maths)  
Mr Avis (History)  
Ms Mahmed (Science)  
Ms Lim (Learning Support Assistant)  
Ms Pillai (Learning Support Assistant)

### **September Autumn term 2021**

We continue to plan our new academic year, both academically as well as supporting our students' wellbeing. I ask parents / carers to note the following for September onwards:

- Students will be expected to return in September in full academy uniform. The academy has made some changes to the academy uniform, details of which can be found on the academy's website. The main change is that both boys and girls can now wear plain, full-length, straight black trousers worn at the waist (jeans, tight fitting or cropped trousers are not permitted).
- Timings to the academy day will change slightly and again, details can be found on the academy website. All students will be expected to be on site by 8.40am and all students will be dismissed at 3.20pm.
- Student wellbeing and emotional support will remain at the heart of our academy with counselling and mentoring being available to any student who requires support.

**The start of term will be as follows:**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Inset Day (no students)  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Inset Day (no students)  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Year 7 and Year 13 return  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September - ALL students return to the academy.

**Asymptomatic testing in September 2021**

The Department for Education (DfE) has advised all secondary schools to once again arrange for all students and staff to receive two rapid-tests at the start of the Autumn term in September. I will communicate the plans for this nearer to September. In the mean time I would encourage families to continue to take the home-tests twice per week over the summer vacation. Students have been given a further supply of home-testing kits.

**End of term**

A reminder that the academy will close for the summer vacation at 12.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

**Results Days**

A Level Results Day is from 8.00am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Please arrive at Bede Reception. Students should bring in textbooks to return to the academy on this day.

GCSE Results Day (and 6<sup>th</sup> Form enrolment) is from 8.00am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August - Please arrive at Bede Reception. Students should bring in textbooks to return to the academy on this day.

Parents/carers will not be permitted on site. All students will receive their grades by email at 8.00am on the respective results' days – attending in person is optional.

**Term Dates 2021-2022**

A copy of the term dates for 2021-2022 are 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