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Dear Parent / Carer,

Arrangements for the End of Half Term / Expectations of Year 13 & 14

The Academy is fast approaching a break – this time, a week’s holiday, returning on Monday 05 June – and we wanted to make the last few days’ arrangements clear.

On Thursday 25 May, we will be holding a non-uniform day for all students who are not scheduled to take exams. We will be asking for a donation of £1, which will be sent to the organisation ‘MIND’; a charity that works to improve people’s mental health. The Academy is very much in favour of their work.

As you already know, we place great value in safeguarding our learners’ state of mind. In recent weeks, we have employed a number of academic tutors to support a few students who are currently finding their studies a challenge. Mr. Sanderson and I have also delivered assemblies on the link between physical and mental wellbeing. Also, we continue to host Hunni – a therapy dog – on Wednesdays each week, for students to visit to lower stress levels. Of course, this is only a snapshot of our provision in this important area of personal development.

On Friday 26 May, all students will have lessons between Period 1 and Period 3 (from 0830-12.20). At 12.20, students from Year 13 and Year 14 will have a celebration assembly and then a BBQ – to thank them for their excellent efforts and wish them well before they begin study leave. Year 12 students will choose to either stay at the Academy or complete a task at home / another suitable location, where they will need to map out and research their Post 18 destinations i.e. if they wish to go to university, they will investigate suitable courses and acknowledge the entry criteria for these. Tutors will give students more information about this activity in the coming days.

Even though Year 13 and Year 14 begin study leave on Friday 26 May, the expectation is that they will continue to arrive and learn well in timetabled lessons. Very soon, an availability calendar will be shared with students – on which they can see exactly when in the week teachers are scheduling their revision lessons and other learning opportunities. For most of the week, we want to see the Academy as bustling and vibrant as it is now. Teachers are also prepared to receive questions via email and telephone.

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You will also receive a separate letter, which details extra classes that have been calendared for the half term holiday. Please will you further encourage your son / daughter to attend as many of these as possible; it is crucial that learners have as much contact time with tutors in the lead up to examinations. Furthermore, if any student wants to come into the building to use the IT facilities or Learning Resource Centre, they are welcome – by arrangement – to do this.

We wanted to thank, once more, every parent and carer who has shown such strong support of the Academy. In partnership, we can ensure that every young person learns well and fulfils their aspirations. Lastly, we give our best wishes and good luck to all students taking examinations in the next few weeks.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Williams', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Williams
Director of Sixth Form