

26th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break.

We are now entering the final term of this academic year and I would like to update you all on a number of staffing changes we have for the remainder of the year.

Prior to the Easter holiday we said goodbye to three of our teaching staff; Miss Fauntkane, Mr Dowle and Miss Farthing all left the Academy and we wish them great success in their new endeavours. It is also significant that after a time spanning over 30 years of support for education at the Academy in various roles, most laterally as an English 121 tutor, Mrs Tunnard has left the Academy for retirement.

During the summer term Miss Bilby will return to her role of Head of the Languages Department following maternity leave, Mrs Abrahams will undertake the role of Head of English this term and Miss Graham from Outwood Academy Hemsworth has already been successful in securing this role from September 2022. Miss Thompson left her role as Attendance Administrator recently, however we are very fortunate to be supported by the Regional Attendance Officer, Rebecca Friars, who will be the key contact for attendance for the immediate future.

The first half of this final term is a total of 24 academic days - please remember there is a Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May and in the second half term there is an additional day that has been moved in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The government has confirmed an additional Bank Holiday in June 2022 to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Spring Bank Holiday, which usually takes place at the end of May, is being moved to Thursday 2nd June 2022 and there will be an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June.

For schools, the additional Bank Holiday on 3rd June falls within the May half term break, therefore an additional Bank Holiday has been added to the end of the summer term - Friday 22nd July. Students will begin the summer holidays at the end of the Academy day on Thursday 21st July.

As you are all aware during the colder months of the year there was a modification to uniform expectations which allowed students to wear a plain black jumper without a logo. From the week commencing 2nd May, students will no longer be able to wear these items. The temporary modification was to ensure maximum ventilation in classrooms through open windows and doors. With temperatures typically increasing from May onwards there is no longer the need for this modification.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Pratt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr W Pratt
Principal