

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Arrangements for the end of the academic year**

The BYA academy year ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 12:00pm. The school bus service will leave the Academy at 12:10pm. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July will be a non-uniform day, when students can attend in smart casual clothing in return for a minimum £1 charity donation, which will be split between Cancer Research UK and St. Gemma's Hospice. The students will be treated to a special staff talent show, which I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy. Entry to the show will depend on impeccable behaviour until the end of term.

### **Arrangements for start of the new academic year in September 2018**

There will be a staggered start to the beginning of term:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September are staff only training days.
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September the Academy will be open to Year 7 students only at 10:00am.
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September the Academy will be open for all year groups with lessons starting at 8:25am.

### **Back to school requirements**

- Essentials for ALL lessons - Black pen (plus a spare), green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and sharpener.
- Planner. This will be given out on the first day.
- PE Kit for ALL PE lessons

### **Uniform**

- White shirts must be long enough and remain tucked in (not short fitted girls' blouses).
- Black trousers (no jeans, leggings or jeggings) or black skirt. The skirt must be knee length and should not be tight and fitted.
- Hair - no unnatural colour hair dye or closely shaven hair or patterns/lines.
- Jewellery - no earrings or other studs e.g. nose, lip, tongue, no bracelets, bangles, rings or necklaces other than a simple cross and chain.
- Discreet make-up for Year 10 and above only. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Plain black shoes (No logos, trainer style shoes even if sold as school shoes, canvas pumps or boots)

## **Energy Drinks**

These drinks are not suitable for children because of their high levels of caffeine and sugar, which are clearly labelled, as they have a detrimental impact on health, weight and tooth enamel. In some cases, just one can could see a child exceeding the daily recommended amount of both caffeine and sugar. Daily consumption of such drinks gives children an increased risk of four health symptoms: headaches, sleeping problems, irritation and tiredness/fatigue and can lead to more serious heart conditions.

The negative consequences of these drinks on children and their behaviour in the classroom, will ultimately have a bearing on learning and we therefore ask all parents/carers to work with us to enforce this ban in the Academy with immediate effect.

I wish all families in our Academy community have a happy and restful summer holiday, and return healthy and refreshed for our new Academic year.

Yours sincerely

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

**Paul Cooper**  
**Principal**