



March 2026

Dear Family

### End of Term Letter – Easter 2026

As we approach the end of another successful term, I wanted to make you aware of the end of term arrangements and to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and progress our students have made. It has been a term filled with hard work, dedication, and numerous accomplishments.

#### End of Term Arrangements:

- The last day of term will be Friday, 27 March. Students will be released from the Academy at the normal time of 3.20pm.

#### Highlights of the Term:

- Turing Trips: a number of our Year 13 students had two weeks of work experience placements in Dubai, Seville and Vienna. These were incredible experiences and will provide young people with lifelong memories as well as valuable insights into the world of work.
- Attendance: continues to be a real strength of the school and provides young people with the best platform to ensure they are accessing all of the opportunities and knowledge they need. Thank you to families for your ongoing commitment and support.
- Microsoft Showcase School – we have recently been awarded Microsoft Showcase School Status. This is an award we are incredibly proud of and shows our commitment to use technology to benefit students and staff.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Sixth Form Consultation Evening: Tuesday, 14 April
- Year 10 Parents' Evening: Tuesday, 21 April. Appointments will be available to book via Arbor from Friday, 27 March.
- Culture Day: Thursday, 23 April. We hope that Culture Day 2026 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April will further strengthen our relationship with our immediate community, and we look forward to welcoming everyone into school for this event.
- Bank Holiday Monday: Monday, 4 May. **Academy closed to all students.**
- We are pleased to share that we are currently working towards re-verifying our Leading Parent Partnership Award. Our partnerships with families and the wider community continue to grow stronger, and we are extremely proud of the support we are able to offer one another.

#### Important Reminders:

- Term Break: The Academy will be closed from Monday, 30 April until Friday, 10 April for the Easter break. The Academy will reopen to all students on Monday, 13 April.
- Half Term Study Support: A study support programme has been created for our students' sitting examinations. **You will be able to find out which sessions your child has been invited to on Arbor > Activities > Trips > Trips Open to Your Child.**
- Uniform: Please ensure your child has the necessary uniform for the next term.

#### Free School Meal Voucher Information:

- Free School Meal Vouchers: Sandwell Local Authority have informed us that they are providing free school meal vouchers for all eligible students to the value of £20 per child. These will be issued to families via email on Thursday, 26 March.

- HAF activity scheme: Families eligible for free school meals will be sent a link to access HAF activities. More information on the activities available can be found here - [Activities - Sandwell Holiday Activities](#)
- Please note that Sandwell Local Authority have advised us of the following regarding food vouchers: **Food Vouchers Going Forward** – *As you are aware, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council has, since 2022 continued to support parents in receipt of benefits-related free school meals by providing food vouchers from the Household Support Funding received from the government. Following the introduction of the Crisis and Resilience Funding received from the government, going forward, the authority will now be prioritising different areas of support needed for those in crisis. This will therefore mean the authority will no longer support funding in the form of food vouchers during the school holiday periods. Schools are advised that for parents who are struggling and need extra financial support during the school holidays, help and advice will still be available on our Supporting Sandwell information hub, which includes financial advice.* [Supporting Sandwell – Sandwell Council](#)

We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the support from our families. Your involvement and encouragement play a crucial role in their success. We look forward to continuing this journey together in the next term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Daly  
**Principal**