

Monday 17th July 2023

End of Term letter – Summer 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to the whole school community for your continued support in what has been an exceptionally busy summer term and academic year. External exams have taken place for our older students along with a long list of trips, events and experiences involving our whole school community.

In June we said goodbye to our year 11 students, and on Friday we celebrated with 150 students at their prom. We look forward to celebrating with them again on result's day!

We have also welcomed in to the academy our new year 7 students for September 2023. We are very fortunate to be able to say that we are full and oversubscribed for the fourth consecutive year, and have a waiting list of students wanting to attend WOA. This is a big achievement for the school and thanks must go to everyone that has worked so hard to ensure our school is the number one choice for our community.

End of Term Arrangements

School will finish for all students on **Tuesday 25th July at 3.10pm**. But, before then, we have lots more exciting activities for students to see them into the summer holidays.

Friday 21st July – Sports Day. Students are busy preparing and practicing for the pinnacle of the sporting year at WOA. All students will be involved in sports day. On the day we would like students to wear their full WOA PE Kit. Please do not send students in alternative sportswear.

Monday 24th July/Tuesday 25th July – Enrichment Days. All students have been sent home with a letter to invite them to attend one of our planned enrichment trips at the end of the school year. These trips form part of our enrichment pledge to every student.

Year 7 are going to Brean Sands and Kenilworth Castle, Year 8 to Weston and Conkers, and Year 9 are going to Baggeridge Country Park and Birmingham. Year 10 will be working with the NCS on site.

If you have any questions regarding the enrichment trips please email paul.harris@woacademy.co.uk

Uniform Sales day

A reminder that we expect to see all students in our WOA uniform on their return to school. Uniform is available from our supplier, Gogna, in Oldbury. They will be setting up a pop-up shop at the school on Friday 4th August for you to try on and purchase any items you require. Our uniform is:



Compulsory Uniform	
<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Blazer	Blazer
White Shirt	White Shirt
Academy Tie	Academy Tie
Black Trousers	Black Trousers or appropriate length skirt with black tights
Black Shoes	Black Shoes
Non-Compulsory Uniform	
Academy Jumper	Academy Jumper

School shoes should be black, flat and logo-free. The style should be traditional, avoiding the appearance of a trainer and business like. Some specific styles that are **not** permitted:

- Styles that appear to be more like sports trainers than professional black shoes, especially due to the material of the shoe.
- Styles with obvious logos or branding.
- Elaborate buckles or decorations or patterns.
- Any white or colourful details.

Compulsory P.E. Uniform - <i>Boys & Girls</i>
Academy Polo
Academy Shorts OR Track Pants
Trainers
Non-Compulsory P.E. Uniform
Academy Hoody

Student coats are also not permitted during physical education lessons. Students must wear the WOA hoody or polo. However, additional layers beneath is acceptable and encouraged in winter months.

Return to School Arrangements

Students will have a staggered return to school in September as follows:

- **New Year 7 and Year 11 students** return on Wednesday 6th September. They should be in school by 8.45am. Year 7 students will assemble in the sports hall. Year 11 students will make their way to their tutor rooms.
- **WOA6 and Year 9 students** return on Thursday 7th September. They should report to their tutor rooms by 8.45am.
- **Year 8 and Year 10 students** return on Friday 8th September. They should report to their tutor rooms by 8.45am.

Safeguarding

As the holiday approaches don't forget students can access the Sharp System out of school hours via the school website. We are also available for urgent concerns via our Facebook page.

Stay safe during the holidays.

1. Only talk to people you know on line
2. Only organise to meet people in safe places
3. Walk each other home – don't stay out too late!
4. If you see anything that concerns you – don't forget to run, hide, tell!

If you have a concern out of school hours, please contact:

Police – 999 (emergency) 101 (non-emergency)

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 (Text 88858)

Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123

Yours faithfully,



Leigh Moore
Principal



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Vice Principal