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ST PAUL'S ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful and blessed Easter break with your families. As we return for the start of the Summer Term on **Tuesday 14th April**, we do so with a renewed sense of purpose and optimism for the crucial months ahead.

At St. Paul's Academy, our mission remains anchored in our three pillars: ensuring our students are **Happy, Confident and Safe**, ensuring they are **well-educated**, and ensuring they are **spiritually fulfilled**. We are delighted to welcome our students back to an environment where their academic and pastoral development is the bedrock of everything we do.

This term, we are challenging every student to strive for **100% attendance**. Irrespective of previous terms, the Summer Term offers a fresh start. High attendance is the single most significant factor in academic success, and as such, we will continue to celebrate and reward students with high attendance at the end of the May half-term and with our major end-of-year rewards trips.

- School gates open at **7:45 AM** for breakfast club and morning revision. Gates close for registration at **8:10 AM**.
- Students in Years 7–10 must be in their year group line-ups by **8:15 AM** sharp.
- Year 11 students will go directly into their morning Prep study sessions no later than **8:15 AM** to focus on vital GCSE content.

To mitigate ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour stemming from mobile phone use, St. Paul's Academy is committed to maintaining the expectations of a **mobile-free school zone**. This initiative is designed to protect the learning environment and student well-being.

- If a mobile phone is seen or used by a student without the explicit agreement of a teaching member of staff or Senior Leader, it will be **confiscated for 5 days**.
- A text message will be sent via the school admin office on the first day of confiscation, followed by a message confirming the return date.
- Students will always be permitted to contact a parent/carer at the main reception to discuss key family issues or concerns. They will **not** be permitted to use their own mobile phones for this purpose.

We will begin the term with High Expectations Assemblies for all year groups. We believe that academic and behavioural discipline go hand-in-hand. All students are expected to be in full school uniform with learning equipment:



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- Correct St. Paul's Academy tie and blazer.
- Plain black school shoes (no trainers).
- Correct school equipment including stationary (pens, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator etc)
- If the weather requires, a plain dark coat.

Key Dates and Academic Support

- **Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening:** We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 families on **Wednesday 22nd April (3:30 PM – 6:30 PM)**.
- **Year 11 GCSE Countdown:** This is a defining term for our Year 11 students. Practical moderations for PE, Art, and DT will take place throughout April, with the main GCSE exam series running from **Monday 11th May to Friday 19th June**.
- **Extended Study:** To provide maximum support, the Academy will remain open for Year 11 students from **7:30 AM until 6:00 PM** daily for tuition and quiet study.

As always, students who make positive contributions to our community and demonstrate academic excellence will be consistently rewarded and praised.

We look forward to seeing all our students on Tuesday morning, ready to be the best versions of themselves. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Innocent
Principal