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Dear Parent or Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share some important information regarding the end of the academic year and details for the start of the new term in September.

Final Week of Term Arrangements

During the final week of term, lessons will run as usual, and full attendance is expected each day. On Tuesday, 22nd July, there will be a planned trip to Blackpool for those students who have opted to attend. For students remaining in school, it will be a non-uniform day. No donation is required for this.

CAS/Sports Day

We are excited to announce that our CAS/Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 23rd July (with a contingency date of Thursday 24th July). All students should come dressed in their school PE kit for the day. Please ensure that if the weather is warm your child brings sun cream and a refillable water bottle. We will confirm with you on Tuesday this week if CAS day will take place on Wednesday or Thursday.

Staff farewells

This year we say goodbye to two of our teaching staff who have contributed significantly to the success of the school during their time here. Harvey Cutler, who has taught History, Maths and P.E during his two years at the school, leaves us in September. Also, Sam Crompton, who has led the science department over the past four years has secured a promoted role elsewhere. We thank them for their contribution during their time at the school and wish them all the best for the future.

End of Term Arrangements

We will close for the summer break at 12:00 noon on Friday, 25th July. Students should attend school in full uniform on this day. Free school meal students will be able to collect a lunch bag from the canteen hatch as they leave school.

Additionally, we will have our 'Golden Ticket' prize draw on the final day, celebrating students who have demonstrated our P.R.I.D.E values throughout the year. This will culminate in a draw during our whole school assembly where prizes, including an iPad and much more will be awarded. Attendance on this day is crucial for students to receive their well-deserved rewards.

New Term Arrangements for Students in Years 8-11

Students will return to school on Wednesday, 3rd September at 10:00 am. This later start time is to accommodate supporting our new Year 7 students on their first day.

Uniform Expectations

We are excited to launch a brand-new uniform for Y7 students this year. Students are expected to wear full Padgate Academy uniform to maintain high standards and support their academic success. Please see the link for our updated uniform policy and details around expectations for students in all years [School Uniform](#)



Equipment Expectations

Students must come to school fully equipped for their lessons. This includes a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, and scientific calculator. If a student loses their equipment, it can be purchased from the Admin Office (B5) each morning. A fully stocked pencil case is £1, and individual pens and pencils are 10p each. It is also recommended that your child has a reuseable drinks bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

Catering

We have enjoyed working with Harrison's Catering Services over the past year who provide meals for our students. Harrison's have introduced students to new tastes and promoted healthier food choices. Despite last year advising of an increase in the school meal, we were able to keep the cost at £2.40 this year however, from 1st October 2025 the cost for a school meal will increase to £2.60 which remains below Warrington Local Authority's cost of £2.80 for this year. If you believe your child may be eligible for a free school meal, please apply using this link: [Free School Meals Application](#). We continue to use the Arbor Parent Portal for top ups and payments. Please see information on this here [Arbor Parent Portal](#)

Site Improvements

We have a number of projects continuing over the Summer period including a full refurbishment to K block with additional classrooms, a completely new toilet block and changing rooms and a brand-new state of the art science lab. We are looking forward to being able to open these before the end of the Autumn term.

Finally, I wish to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year, and wish all our students and families a happy, restful, and safe summer.

Yours sincerely

Adam McMillan
Principal