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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to thank you for all your continued support as we work in partnership to provide the very best for our excellent students. This term has been a busy and successful time for the school as we continue our growth and development. To this end, it was great to see the year-on-year growth in Year 6 students selecting the academy as their first choice. This, coupled with increasing numbers of students on roll, shows the forward momentum of the school.

PRIDE- Character Award for Padgate Academy

We have been celebrating student achievement in our PRIDE assemblies this week. As you will be aware from speaking with your children the PRIDE values that underpin all we do as a school are something we see as important to the school community. We believe that by reinforcing our school values, it helps to build our students character which helps them to thrive and succeed. Reinforcing our school values helps our students make positive choices. Further to this we also use our values as a way of reinforcing the sense of pride in the school and helping our students build a sense of belonging.

It is with great pride that the school was able to gain recognition for this work when last week, we were awarded the ACE - School of Character award from the Association of Character Education. This is a nationally recognised award that demonstrates excellence in our work in promoting the character development of our students. Despite achieving this recognition, we want to continue this work to further embed these values within the school and wider community.

Kingswood Residential

We have had an extremely successful half term, with students focused on learning and doing their absolute best every single day. One of the highlights of this half term has been the Kingswood trip, with students in Year 7 undertaking a residential in order develop skills such as team building and leadership, as well as undertaking lots of fun activities. We know that the memories of the trip will stay with them throughout their time in school.

Earlier School Opening Time on Friday's (8.15am)

From Friday April 19th our school gates will open at 8:15 every Friday for students who arrive earlier than our Friday start time of 09.15.





We have made this decision because we know that for some families, for example, those who drop students off before work or drop other siblings, maintaining a regular routine can be helpful. We hope that by opening earlier we are providing families and students with more flexibility around arrival times.

Designated staff will be stationed at the entry gates, canteen, and library from 8:15 and will be available to assist students who arrive early, providing a supervised area where they can wait comfortably until the school officially opens at 9:15.

School Site Improvement Update

As you are aware, we have undertaken extensive improvements to the school site over the past year, including new windows, doors, and roofing as well as other cosmetic improvements and a state-of-the-art astroturf pitch. These have all been managed in a way that means student learning has not been disrupted. We are pleased to say as we come towards the end of these projects that they have significantly improved the look and feel of the school for our students. We have plans to improve the site further and will keep you informed as and when these go ahead.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish all our community a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to welcoming all students back to the academy at 08.25am on Monday 15th of April.

Your sincerely

Adam McMillan
Principal