



July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the last term in this academic year, I am writing to remind you of the schedule for our final week, but also to inform you of the arrangements for the start of the next academic year.

The final week of the 2016/2017 academic year

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th July
Friday 21st July

Normal Academy days
The Academy will close early at **1.00pm**

We expect all students to attend during this final week. Our staff have worked extremely hard all year, and this includes the preparation of lessons for the last week of term. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

On our last day of term, Friday 21st July 2017, we will be closing early for the summer holidays. Students will be dismissed from 1.00 pm and lunch will be available for those students eligible for Free School Meals.

The first day of the 2017/2018 academic year

The first day of the new school year will be **Tuesday 5th September 2017** when new Year 7 students **only** will attend at 8.50 am. I look forward to welcoming our new intake into our Vale of York Academy family. Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will attend on the same day and should arrive promptly and in full school uniform at 11.00 am and go directly to their tutor rooms.

If you drop your child off by car I would ask, as ever, that you be patient and considerate of pedestrians and other drivers. We are very concerned for the safety of students particularly at this busy and congested time of day.

If you have changed any of your contact details - especially mobile telephone numbers and email addresses - then please let us know straight away so that our records are up to date and we can make contact with you wherever necessary.

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I would like to remind you about the importance of completing the absence notes section of the student planner in relation to any medical or dental appointments where students have to leave during the college day, and also to explain any unplanned absences. This helps with recording attendance and ensuring students leave class promptly to sign out at the agreed time in reception. We would however ask that where possible all prearranged appointments are arranged for outside of the academy day.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this year and wish you and your children, a very safe and enjoyable break over the summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Dowds
Principal