

July, 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all I would like to thank you! For all the support you have given to both your children and the academy throughout the year. It has been a year of so many achievements both in and out of the classroom that I hope you have been as proud as I am of all of our students.

Secondly I would like to thank your children for what has been a fantastic year. We have challenged them to push themselves further. At every step they have demonstrated the fantastic young people they are growing into. They have shown a thirst for learning, a resilience, a determination, a desire to improve, a respect for others learning and a joy in the success they have achieved. It has been a true pleasure seeing our academy at work and the students growing in every way. This has been a year to celebrate in so many ways and looking back over it through our Venture Voice and @OrmistonVenture brings a smile and true sense of what we have all achieved together.

Just a reminder that the summer term finishes on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** at **12.15pm**. Buses will be available at this time for all students who usually access them.

And even more importantly, autumn term begins on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** with registration at **8.25am** as usual for all year groups. The full yearly calendar for next year is available on our website.

Finally we say farewell to some of our staff who have helped us make Venture the place it is today. Mrs Williams, Mrs Gardiner, Miss Hollis and Mrs Thomson are all going on to exciting new opportunities in their careers. I am certain you will join me in thanking them for their commitment and dedication to our community and the fantastic impact they have had on the lives of so many children at Venture. They will be missed, though we wish them all the very best for their next steps.

On behalf of everybody at Venture, I would like to congratulate you all on a fantastic year, thank everyone for your support and wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September, it is going to be a year of new heights and hugely exciting plans!

Yours sincerely,

Simon Gilbert-Barnham  
Principal

### CAR DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION

In the interest of ensuring the safety of our students we would ask that if you are dropping off or picking up from the academy both before and after school you please continue to use the turning bay in the car park entrance where students can enter through the cafe. This is located near the sports hall. It provides an easy circuit loop and ample drop-off points. Please ensure that you use this facility and not the main entrance to the academy as it is proving dangerous for our students.

### ACADEMY UNIFORM

We know that this is often the point of the year when many students need to replace uniform items and would remind you that only approved uniform items (please see website for details) are permitted. Any student who has a piercing or changes their hair colour during the holidays should be reminded that no piercings or coloured hair will be accepted in the Academy and that this must be addressed before students return. We are pleased to remind you that all uniform items are available locally at Harrisons and other supplier that do not meet the academy expectations will not be permitted.

### WORLD CLASS START TO THE YEAR

We will be starting our year off on top of the world. A part of our first student day will involve an attempt at securing a world record by our students. To do this and be officially recognized we need parental permission that students can be involved. If you agree for your child to be a part of a World Record attempt (and fingers crossed a world record holder) can you please return the slip included (the full details are available to view on our website). We can't wait to be world beaters on the first day of the year... and that is only the start for us next year!

Dates for your Diary	Event
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term (8.25am)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 Kickstart Evening (4pm-6pm)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Open Evening (4pm – 7pm)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff Training Day
19 <sup>th</sup> October to 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Half Term

For the full year term dates please see our website

### **Join our Parent Focus Group and help shape the Academy's future!**

*We need your ideas and feedback to help us continue to ensure the Venture can be the best it can be. As a member you will be a vital link between the academy and the local community.*

*For further information please contact Mr McNally  
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