



## Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to thank all of you for your support this academic year. It has been a busy year for the academy and one that I hope you will agree has seen the academy flourish. We are very much looking forward to exam results day in the Summer and hoping that all the hard work of the students and teachers has paid off. This year will be a somewhat unknown year with the new English and Maths specifications grading for the first time but we are confident that we have prepared our students well enough to do well in these exams.

You will know from the regular newsletters this year that our focus on the local community has been an important part of our academy work and life this year. We have worked with many local first and Primary schools both within the academy and visiting them. We have had a number of masterclasses that Feckenham, Woodrow and Webheath have taken part in and we have started our literacy and Read2dogs programme with both Woodrow and Webheath. Our community work is an important part of academy life and we will be continuing this year.

This year has also seen a significant amount of capital invested into the school site. We have recently had the tennis court enclosures replaced and new gating to enhance site safety. Along with this, new security systems such as the front door access have also been installed. I am also very pleased to say that over the summer we will be relocating our science rooms to the main school and students will come back to brand new science facilities. I am very much looking forward to seeing these and excited at the opportunities this will offer staff and students in science.

We have also been trialing a mobile phone zone this year in the canteen area and this is something that will be replaced in September with a reading zone. Dr Bradbury and Mrs Billingham are working extremely hard on a number of literacy and reading initiatives for students to come back to in September. One of the ideas is the launch of 'B-Lunch' which will encourage students and staff to read in the canteen during lunchtime. More details will follow next term on the reading plan including opportunities for parents/carers to get involved too. With this in mind, we will revert back to the previous no use of mobile phones in school.

As ever, at the end of each term I also want to thank all of my teaching and support staff for all of their hard work this year. I would also like to wish good luck to those staff moving onto pastures new. We wish the following teaching members of staff the best of luck in their new ventures; Miss Alex Moulton; Mr Brett Lane; Mr Andy Capewell; Mr Pete Wright; Mr Damon Gariff; Mr Rhys York.



We welcome to the academy Mrs Rachael Evans (Art) and Mr Ron Prigge (PE/Science) and Dr Bradbury joins us on the senior leadership team as the new College Leader for Vela. We also welcome back Mrs Kingston to Science, Mrs Watts to Mfl both joining us back from maternity leave. Mrs Watson will also be back from maternity leave late October.

Special mention must also go to Mr David Cooney who has decided to train as a teacher in Geography. Mr Cooney joins our teacher training school at Tudor Grange Academy Trust and we wish him the best of luck in his teaching career.

A reminder that my maternity leave will commence the first week of September so I will briefly be in school for the first few days and then I return the last week of the Autumn term. I will be in at various points across the term including the Open Evening on the 26th September. Mr Matthew Boyle will be Acting Principal during this time so please do contact him with any concerns.

Please see below our term dates for 2017.18

- Inset 1 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September
- Inset 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Students return Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Inset 3 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September
- October Half Term 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October
- Inset 4 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Inset 5 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Break 20<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January
- Students return Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- February Half Term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Inset 7 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Holidays 30<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Students return Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April
- Spring Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Inset 8 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Inset 9 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- Inset 10 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July
- Summer Term begins 25<sup>th</sup> July

Finally, please do all have a safe and restful summer and I look forward to seeing you all next academic year. Students return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

Jodie Bolter