

## HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope our families had a good weekend enjoying the warm weather. We have a predicted few weeks of cooler weather to see out the remainder of the Academic year (but let's hope we get a bit more "summer" in July and August).

**NEU Industrial Action** – as you may have seen in the news last week the NEU have announced two further days of national industrial action as part of their ongoing dispute with the Government around school funding and teacher pay. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July are the scheduled days. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July was already an INSET so will have no impact on our Academy. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July is our scheduled transition day to give incoming Year 7 students (current Year 6) the opportunity to visit and familiarise themselves with the building. This is a co-ordinated day across all of Bristol in order to reduce the impact on primary provisions that can feed into multiple secondary schools but also to fit around long scheduled Year 6 camps and other events. We have therefore prioritized maintaining this important event for students at that point in their transition journey. It however means that we will not have the staff to host any other year groups due to the number of staff who will take industrial action on that day. The academy will therefore in effect be closed to **all** students on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Once again I am sorry for the impact the ongoing industrial action will be having on our community (though am humbled by the number of supportive communications and messages we have received from families) and, once again, hope that the Government and trade unions can reach a swift resolution in the interests of young people in education.

**St. Pauls Carnival** – this Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, is the return of the full St Pauls Carnival. Details of the event can be found here [St Pauls Carnival 2023 Artists, Stages and Sounds – St Pauls Carnival](#). The event has the potential to be a great day for families and young people. Local authorities including Police, Bristol City Council and the local safeguarding team for young people have asked us to share a couple of documents with us that may support planning for an enjoyable and safe experience for anyone attending the event:

- 1) [document for parents/carers](#)
- 2) [document for young people](#)

### **End of term arrangements:**

**INSET Day** – a reminder that next Friday (7<sup>th</sup> July) is our annual CLF Conference for all staff of the Cabot Learning Federation. All CLF schools are therefore closed to students this Friday.

**Last Day of Term** – the Academy will close to all students at **12:40pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. It will be business as usual until that point (with the usual celebration assemblies and a few other things intertwined). Grab and go lunch will still be available on the last day for any students wishing it.

**Start of next year** - Students will then return from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> are INSETs). As is always the case there will be some stagger across the Tuesday and Wednesday to enable the new Year 7 to be inducted and all other year groups to get through the usual start of term administration. Exact timings for each year group will be confirmed in coming weeks but all students should expect to return to the Academy from **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Donation of old uniform for gift/sale** – as we approach the summer we know that many young people will need new uniform as they grow. We also know that some students grow so fast that they often have old uniform that is barely used. We've had a real success this year having supplies available for families in need and also being able to offer 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform available at a very reduced rate at Parents' Evenings. Long term we aim to set up a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales site for families to buy and sell used uniform. However, if you have used uniform that you will no longer need and would like to donate it to the Academy to have available to other families then we will gladly take it off your hands. We will launder and sort all items so



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please just bag up and deliver to Main Reception at any point and we will do the rest. Thank you in advance for any donations. Any money we do make is reinvested in supporting uniform for families in need.

Yours sincerely

Cameron Shaw  
Principal



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