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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see many of you at our recent meeting where there was an opportunity to hear from Clare Verga, our Executive Headteacher and Mark Emmerson, the CEO of the City of London Academy Trust. I would like to thank you for the positive feedback that we have received and for your ongoing support as we work to ensure that Highbury Grove provides our young people with the very best – both inside the classroom and beyond. I am so proud of the ways in which our students have demonstrated resilience, commitment and determination over recent months and this has been particular evident in the way in which Years 11, 12 and 13 have approached their examinations. There is much to be proud of.

The preparation for September is well underway and I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some practical information regarding dates, times and our new uniform policy. Firstly, I can confirm that the term dates for next year are as follows:

Term Dates 2017-18

Autumn 2017

Monday 4 September to Friday 15 December

(Monday 4/9 to Wednesday 6/9 inclusive as INSET days)

Half-term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October

Spring 2018

Wednesday 3 January to Thursday 29 March

Half-term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

Summer 2018

Monday 16 April to Friday 20 July

Half-term: Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June

Other INSET days are still to be decided upon but will be added to the school calendar. Regarding the start of term, Monday 4 September, Tuesday 5 September and Wednesday 6 September will be INSET days for staff only. On Thursday 7 September we will welcome Year 7 only and on Friday 8 September we will expect all year groups in school.

Times of the School Day 2017 - 18



From September there will be some small changes to our times of the day. The most significant change is that we will be moving our tutor time to the end of the day and the school day will begin with period one. The times will be as follows:

Times of the School Day 2017 - 18			
Regular School Day		Week A Wednesday	
8.45am	Period 1	8.45am	Period 1
9.45am	Period 2	9.35am	Period 2
10.45am	Break	10.25am	Break
11.05am	Period 3	10.45am	Period 3
12.05pm	Lunch Y7 Y9 Y11/ Period 4 Y8 Y10	11.35am	Lunch Y7 Y9 Y11/ Period 4 Y8 Y10
12.45pm	Period 4 Y7 Y9 Y11	12.15pm	Period 4 Y7 Y9 Y11
1.05pm	Lunch Y8 Y10	12.25pm	Lunch Y8 Y10
1.45pm	Period 5	1.05pm	Period 5
2.45pm	Tutor Time	1.55pm	Tutor Time
3.00pm	End of school day	2.10pm	End of school day

Enrichment activities will continue before the formal school day begins and after the 3:00pm dismissal. The Enrichment timetable for the autumn term will be published when we begin again in September.

Academy Uniform Policy

Finally, the uniform policy is attached for your reference. Whilst the overall uniform design has not changed, there is the addition of an Academy coat and bag and a new badge that will need to be attached to any blazer that is carried through. Please read the policy carefully so that you are aware of the expectations for students in September. All components of the uniform are available from *Rough Cuts* in Chapel Market.

Now that the examinations are drawing to a close, we are planning a series of assemblies where students can meet Miss Verga and can be kept abreast of the forthcoming changes. These are exciting times and I am confident that students will continue to positively contribute to our improvement journey.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards



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Acting Headteacher