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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you at the end of my first day of being part of The Grange school community, but at the start of our journey together in creating a school which acts truly in service of its students; a place the wider community can be proud of.

I am honoured to have been appointed Principal at The Grange and I am looking forward to spending the coming weeks getting to know students, staff and parents and seeing first-hand the potential of the young people at The Grange.

Our academy culture and values must underpin everything we do within the academy and provide the basis for our decision making, interactions and to drive the school forward towards its potential. The Grange is privileged to be part of the Future Academies Multi-Academy Trust, and alongside the shared vision of *libertas per cultum* (freedom though education) we must embody the Trust values of *Knowledge*, *Aspiration* and *Respect*.

Whilst this shared vision and values will be our compass throughout our journey to ensure that The Grange students receive the best education every single day, as a school leader I will always be aware that school culture depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to both your children's achievements and the progress of The Grange more widely. I am very excited to discuss the above and how this will manifest itself on a daily basis with each of you. Please look out for more information on this over the coming weeks. This will be fantastic opportunity to build on the vital relationship between the academy and home.

All staff at The Grange will strive to continually learn and improve so that they can be the very best teacher, leader and support staff member and therefore ensure our students have the education and character to achieve anything they set their mind to. The school will have the highest expectations for all, and we will make no apologies for that. In order to facilitate this continued professional development and our commitment to ensuring our students are set up to succeed in the new academic year there are some amendments to the previously published term dates for the beginning of the new term in September 2023.

Staff will be involved in two INSET days, and year groups will receive a staggered start to the new school year, with a tailored induction. Please see new term dates overleaf.

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Friday 1 September	INSET day, school closed to students.
Monday 4 September	INSET day, school closed to students.
Tuesday 5 September Year 7	 Term begins for Year 7 Year 11 and Year 13 students/parents invited in for academic review meetings only. Appointment times to be shared before summer break
Wednesday 6 September Year 7/10/12	 Term begins for Year 10 and Year 12 students. Year 11 and Year 13 students/parents invited in for academic review meetings only. Appointment times to be shared before summer break
Thursday 7 September Year 7/8/9/10/11/12/13	 Term begins for Year 8, Year 9, Year 11, and Year 13 students. Induction/Welcome sessions for all students
Friday 8 September	Normal school day for all year groups.

Please make a note of these dates and ensure that your child is ready to start the term along with the rest of their year group in September 2023.

I am excited to start working with yourselves, the staff members and most importantly the wonderful young people at The Grange. This is the start of what I am sure will be a long and successful relationship.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions by emailing d.bryant@thegrange.futureacademies.org.

Yours sincerely

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