

21 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the academic year and my first 4 weeks at The Grange, I wanted to write to you to provide some key information for September and our journey towards our vision to provide ***'freedom through education'***.

I cannot express how much I have enjoyed my first few weeks in post here at The Grange, getting to know the students, staff and meeting many of you at some of the recent events that have taken place throughout this term. You will soon receive our newsletter which will reflect on some of the highlights this term has offered, including musical performances, sports day and award evenings.

September arrangements and 2023-24 calendar - Following on from my letter earlier in the term I wanted to outline again the arrangements for the start of 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.

Date	
Friday 1 September	INSET day, school closed to students.
Monday 4 September	INSET day, school closed to students.
Tuesday 5 September Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

The full school calendar / term dates can be found on the school website:

www.thegrange.futureacademies.org

Please note that in addition to the INSET dates above, the other days scheduled for staff training (INSET – closed to students) next academic year are:

- Friday 17 November 2023
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday 15 April 2024

Parent Working Groups - In order to continue the development of school/home relations, the school will be hosting a series of coffee mornings for existing parents to come into the school to meet myself, members of the senior leadership team and other key members of staff at the academy. These mornings will provide the basis of our Parent Working Groups, and will offer an opportunity for the school to work with parents and carers, running Q&A sessions, sharing information around pastoral support, and provide insight into the curriculum in place at The Grange Academy. Our first scheduled event has been scheduled for **Tuesday 19 September**. More details will be shared closer to the time.

Whilst I hope that you all enjoy the summer (please find some information and suggestions around activities to do in Hertfordshire this summer at www.visitherts.co.uk) and that students come back refreshed, I am incredibly excited to get started again next academic year.

It has been a great first 4 weeks at The Grange and I truly believe the school is on an exciting journey to ensure that the work we will do and the values that we hold each other accountable for, provide for our students *'libertas per cultum'* (freedom through education).

Have a safe summer. We cannot wait to see the students, including our new Year 7 students at The Grange in September.

Yours sincerely



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