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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. This letter contains some important information regarding the final week of term and arrangements for the start of the new academic year in September.

Final Week of Term

During the final week of term, lessons will continue as normal, and full attendance is expected every day. This time is important in ensuring students complete the academic year positively and continue to make progress in their learning. Alongside lessons, there will also be a range of opportunities to celebrate and reward students for their achievements and contributions throughout the year.

End of Term Arrangements

School will close for the summer break at **12:00 noon on Friday, 24th July**.

The final day will be a **non-uniform day**, with no donation required. Students who are entitled to free school meals will be able to collect a lunch bag from the canteen hatch as they leave school.

We will also hold our annual '**Golden Ticket**' Prize Draw, recognising students who have consistently demonstrated our **P.R.I.D.E.** values throughout the year. Students who have earned Golden Tickets will have the opportunity to win a range of prizes. Attendance on the final day is therefore important so that students can take part in these celebrations and receive any rewards they have earned.

September Return to School

We are looking forward to welcoming students back in September.

- **Wednesday, 2nd September** will be an **Induction Day for Year 7 students only**, allowing them the opportunity to settle into life at Padgate Academy.
- **Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 should return to school on Thursday, 3rd September at 8:25am**, when normal school routines will resume for all year groups.

Summary of return dates:

Year group	Start date	Start time
Year 7	Wednesday 2 nd September	08.25
Year 8, 9, 10 & 11	Thursday 3 rd September	08.25



Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear the correct Padgate Academy uniform and present themselves in line with our high expectations. Maintaining high standards of uniform helps to foster a strong sense of pride and belonging and supports students in being ready to learn.

Please refer to our updated Uniform Policy on the following link for full details of our expectations for all year groups [School Uniform – Padgate Academy](#)

As another successful academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank all our students, families and staff for their continued support, commitment, and hard work. I wish you and your family a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Phone free policy

As you will be aware from my previous correspondence we are becoming a phone free school with effect from September this year. Students who choose to bring phones to school will hand them to form tutors each morning. They will then be available for collection from form tutors at the end of the day. Full details of this can be found in the accompanying link

[Phone-Free-School-Policy-September-2026.pdf](#)

Staff retirements

We will be saying a fond farewell to two colleagues who are retiring after many years of dedicated service. John Monks, one of our Teaching Assistants, and Iain Smart, our Cover Supervisor, both have made an invaluable contribution to the life of Padgate Academy and to the many students they have supported over the years. We thank them both for their commitment to our school community and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Yours sincerely

Adam McMillan
Principal