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25th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Consultation response and 2024-2025 Term dates

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your active involvement in the recent consultation regarding proposed changes to school term dates and uniform. Your feedback and engagement have played a pivotal role in shaping the future direction of our Academy.

I am delighted to inform you that all three proposals put forth received overwhelming support from a clear majority of parents. Your responses were not only numerous but also thoughtful, providing us with invaluable insights into your perspectives and preferences. It is evident that each proposed change resonated with many of you, and your collective endorsement has been encouraging.

All three proposed changes will be formally adopted starting from the next academic year. This decision reflects our commitment to listening to the voices of our parent community and striving to create an environment that aligns with our collective needs and aspirations for the young people we serve.

Proposed Change 1 – Amending the school term dates to include a 2-week October Half Term

Please now find the confirmed school term dates below for 2024-2025.

| Term | From | To | Duration |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Autumn Term 1 | Tuesday 3 rd September 2024* | Friday 18 th October 2024 | 7 weeks |
| October Half Term | Monday 21 st October 2024 | Friday 1 st November 2024 | 2 weeks |
| Autumn Term 2 | Monday 4 th November 2024 | Friday 20 th December 2024 | 7 weeks |
| Christmas | Monday 23 rd December 2024 | Friday 3 rd January 2025 | 2 weeks |
| Spring Term 1 | Monday 6 th January 2025 | Friday 14 th February 2025 | 6 weeks |
| Spring Half Term | Monday 17 th February 2025 | Friday 21 st February 2025 | 1 week |
| Spring Term 2 | Monday 24 th February 2025 | Friday 4 th April 2025 | 6 weeks |
| Easter | Monday 7 th April 2025 | Monday 21 st April 2025 | 2 weeks |
| Summer Term 1 | Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 | Friday 23 rd May 2025 | 5 weeks |
| May Half Term | Monday 26 th May 2025 | Friday 30 th May 2025 | 1 week |
| Summer Term 2 | Monday 2 nd June 2025 | Friday 25 th July 2025 | 8 weeks |

* We will operate a staggered start system throughout the first week; Year 7 will start on Tuesday 3rd, Year 11 on Wednesday 4th, Year 10 on Thursday 5th and Year's 8 and 9 on Friday 6th.

The school will be closed on the following dates;

- Friday 30th August 2024 (Staff INSET)
- Monday 2nd September 2024 (Staff INSET)
- Friday 29th November 2024 (Staff INSET)
- Monday 24th February 2025 (Trust INSET)
- Monday 5th May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 27th June 2025 (Staff INSET)

Proposed Change 2 – Wearing PE kit to school on PE days

We wish for students to wear PE kit to school on the days they have PE but before fully implementing this initiative, we would like to conduct a trial period to identify any potential issues and find effective solutions to ensure its success. The trial period will commence the week beginning Monday 6th May and will continue for the remainder of this academic year.

We will share further information regarding the trial period early next week, including specific guidelines and expectations we need students to follow. We will run through these expectations with students during assembly to ensure everyone is well-informed and prepared.

Proposed Change 3 – Introduction of longer length pleated skirt

The only skirt permitted as part of next year's uniform will be a longer length pleated skirt. We are currently working with our uniform providers and will share the relevant details in due course.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to participate in the consultation process and for your continued dedication to our school. We look forward to implementing these changes together.

I fully appreciate that we are unable to please everyone all of the time and wish to assure those who didn't vote for these changes that your thoughts and viewpoints have still been carefully considered.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the adopted changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to us using the following email address; principal-pa@oiea.co.uk

Thank you and best wishes,



Mr S Leach
Principal