

Sandwell Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer break and that your child has had the opportunity to rest and recharge ahead of the new academic year.

As we prepare for the start of term, I would like to remind you that all students in **Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 (internal students), and 13** are expected to return to the Academy on **Thursday 3 September**. Students should arrive through the Academy gates by **8:15 AM** and head to their key stage zone for their first standing assembly of the academic year. Please ensure that your child attends in **full Academy uniform**.

On **Thursday and Friday morning**, all students will take part in sessions focused on **The Sandwell Academy Way**. Through a range of activities, students will revisit and reinforce the Academy's expectations around Living the SA Way, Moving the SA Way, and Learning the SA Way, ensuring a positive and purposeful start to the academic year. In the afternoons, students will follow their normal timetable (a copy of which will be provided where required). Teachers will deliver curriculum lessons with a strong focus on establishing classroom routines, expectations, and learning habits that will support success throughout the year.

Please find attached our **Family Guide** — an important reference document containing key information about Academy life, including routines, expectations, support available, and contact details. We encourage you to keep this guide readily available and refer to it throughout the year.

Mindful of our wish to provide the best range of opportunities available for our students to have a broad and balanced experience, we will be again running termly full Enrichment Days for students. Information will be shared on this in September, and payments will be collected following this communication.

I look forward to welcoming students back to the Academy and to another successful year ahead.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr J Saunders
Headteacher



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