



29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an update to the academy calendar for this academic year.

The academy will now take two consecutive Professional Development (PD) Days on Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June 2026. Friday 26 June was already scheduled as a PD day, and Thursday 25 June 2026 is an additional PD day. On both days, the academy will be closed to students.

PD days give staff dedicated time to improve teaching through training, planning, and sharing best practice.

Linking these two PD days together creates a focused block of professional learning. This will allow staff to work in greater depth on curriculum planning and classroom practice, supporting greater consistency and quality across subjects and year groups. This work is an important part of our ongoing commitment to improving outcomes for all students.

The dates have been carefully chosen to minimise disruption. No external examinations are taking place and most end-of-year activities for examination year groups will already have concluded.

We recognise that this change may require families to make alternative arrangements and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

If you have any questions, please contact the academy office.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Rushton".

Mr Richard Rushton  
Principal