



27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Changes to the School Calendar for 2021 - 2022**

I have to update you about two changes to our calendar for next year. These will affect every family with a child in the school.

#### **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

For reasons that I do not need to explain, we are not able to hold our usual Transfer Day early next month. This has, as you will know, an important part in preparing the new Year 8 for their career at the high school. I had hoped that a relaxation of the national regulations would allow us to squeeze in the Transfer Day in the last week of term, but now that is not going to be possible.

We are therefore left with no choice but to hold it on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**, the date previously advertised as the first day of the new term. Please note that the school will now not be open on that date, except to members of the new Year 8 and also to the new Year 12. The full opening of the school will follow on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September**.

#### **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**

The Government has declared that there will be an additional bank holiday next summer in recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. The day chosen – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June - is at a time when all schools in the West Midlands would, in any case, be on half term holiday. The local organisation which coordinates term dates has decided that schools in the West Midlands will take this additional holiday on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. This brings the end of the summer term forward to **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**.

### **Improvements to the School Buildings**

I am delighted to report that the Government has agreed to invest some £2 million in work to upgrade our buildings. This will allow us to replace 89 windows in the original buildings, along with some of the external cladding. It will also allow the replacement of some of the flat roofing, another aspect of the buildings which has been neglected for too long.

I do not yet have a schedule for the work, but the money is committed and we should all begin to see some benefit from it during the coming school year.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Waters