



1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Summer Showcase

We would like to invite you to our annual 'Summer Showcase'. This year it will be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> July from 5pm until 7pm**. The Showcase is an opportunity for **future, current and past pupils and families** to visit our fantastic site and experience a range of activities. I am aware that so many people living within Clifton and the surrounding areas have still not visited the new build – I urge you to.

You will be able to meet staff and other pupils, see examples of work, experience some of the extra-curricular activities on offer, be entertained by our talented young people and get a flavour of academy life. We expect it to be a real celebration of what is happening here so really hope that you can come and visit and tell others about the event.

### Leavers

You may already be aware that Mr Collins and Mr Brown left the academy at the end of May. Mr Collins worked at Farnborough School and Farnborough Academy for a combined 22 years. Mr Brown was part of Farnborough for 10 years. During that time they had a positive impact upon many people's lives. We thank them for their work.

### Uniform Expectations

The summer term is coming towards an end and so with it the end of an academic year. I do understand at this time of year that parents may be reluctant to buy new uniform and would rather wait until September. Nevertheless, we do have standards that we wish to maintain.

Please be mindful that:

- Ties and blazers must be worn every day. (If the weather becomes too hot a decision will be made for these not to be worn. All pupils are allowed to remove their blazer in lessons throughout the year)
- Jeans of any type should not be worn.
- Canvas/fabric footwear and trainers and not acceptable footwear.

### Industrial Action

As you will be aware through media coverage the National Union of Teachers (NUT) are taking industrial action on **5th July 2016**. This action is a national dispute with the government and not one towards the academy or the Trent Academies Group.

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We have a number of staff in this union and whilst pupils' access to education is a priority I do have to ensure that all pupils are safe and fully supervised. An added complication to the date is that it is the Nottingham City Common Transition Day for pupils moving from Year 6 to Year 7. We already have a range of activities booked for them that day. Many Year 10 pupils will also be on work experience.

Having considered the resources available I have decided that:

- The academy will be closed to Year 7 (2020), Year 8 (2019), Year 9 (2018) and Year 10 (2017) pupils.
- The academy will be open to Year 6 pupils on their transition visit.
- Year 10 pupils on work experience are expected to attend their placement as normal.

I apologise for the disruption to your child's education but the safety of the children on the site is paramount.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Mr B Chaloner  
Headteacher