



September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Holiday dates for Academic Year 2017 - 2018

Please find attached the holiday dates for next September 2017 - July 2018.

This term has started off extremely well, with students working hard in lessons, and looking incredibly smart. May I thank you for your continued support of the school - you support us in many ways, with one of the most important being that your child has excellent school attendance, and that they are punctual every day.

Holidays in Term will not be authorised.

Parents or carers who find themselves in **very exceptional circumstances** regarding absence from school may request authorised absence but the decision to authorise absence is at my discretion and **will not exceed 5 days**.

There is a very strong link between high attendance and high achievement. As a result, if your child's attendance or punctuality drops below our targets then you will be expected to attend one of our half termly Attendance/Punctuality Panels which are supported with our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO). This panel will allow us to work together to ensure attendance is improved and academic progress is back on track.

Finally, any child who falls below 90% attendance (without an official medical explanation) is classed as a Persistent Absentee, and will be immediately passed on to the EWO and pursued vigorously by all means available to the school.

Once again may I thank you, I do appreciate your efforts to make your family holidays at the appropriate time.

Yours faithfully



Janine Kellett
Head Teacher



Term Dates – 2017 / 2018

Autumn Term

Staff Training	Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2017 NO STUDENTS
Students return to school	Wednesday 6 th September 2017
Half Term Ends	Friday 20 th October 2017
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October 2017
Students return to school	Monday 30 th October 2017
Autumn Term Ends	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Christmas Holiday	Wednesday 20 th December 2017–Wednesday 3 rd January 2018

Spring Term

Students return to school	Thursday 4 th January 2018
Half Term Ends	Friday 9 th February 2018
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2018
Students return to school	Monday 19 th February 2018
Spring Term Ends	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Easter Holiday	Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April 2018

Summer Term

Students return to school	Monday 16 th April 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 7th May 2018
Half Term Ends	Friday 25 th May 2018
Half Term Holiday	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June 2018
Students return to school	Monday 4 th June 2018
Summer Term Ends	Friday 20 th July 2018