

Friday, 13th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term Letter

We have been very busy this term and I would like to thank you for your continuing support.

Attendance

Once again, we have celebrated maximum attendance this half term. So many of our students have demonstrated Intentional Excellence and have shown that success does not happen by accident but instead through hard work, engagement and determination. Well done to all of those students who received these awards! We regularly speak to our students about the importance of attendance and how our minimum expectation for attendance is 97%. A reminder that you are able to log on to the MCAS App (My Child At School) to monitor your child's attendance, behaviour and to see their school timetable.

In order for your child to maximise their Limitless Potential, we would remind you of our expected standards for attendance at Grace Academy. We expect all students to maintain a minimum attendance of 97% in order to augment their chances of making positive progress in school. We expect students to arrive for line-ups for 8.20am so they can have a calm and positive start to their day. If students arrive after 8.20am but before 8.30am they will be sanctioned with a 10-minute detention.

If students arrive after 8.40am they will need to hand in their mobile phone and will be issued with a lunchtime detention that they must sit on the same day. If they do not attend they will be issued with a one-hour detention on the same day. After 8.50am students will be issued with a U code for the morning, resulting in 50% absence for that school day. This will significantly impact their attendance so should be avoided.

Uniform

A reminder to parents of our Uniform Policy. Please ensure your child returns after the half term break dressed appropriately:

- Students must wear a knee-length, black, pleated skirt with plain black tights, or wear tailored trousers with plain black socks. (Leisure style trousers and flared trousers are not permitted);
- Students must wear the Grace Academy Blazer (Hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated);
- Students must wear plain black, leather or leather look shoes (Trainers are not permitted);
- Students must have natural hair colour and braids;
- Students are permitted to wear a plain hair band. (Hair accessories such as bows are not permitted);
- Students are permitted to wear one stud in each ear and a mechanical watch only;
- Students should have natural nails and only natural make-up. (Acrylic nails and false lashes are not permitted).



Executive Principal:
Mrs N Bryan

Associate Principal:
Mrs E Wheller



Mobile phones

If a student needs to bring a phone to school, it must be turned off and placed inside their bag or inner blazer pocket. If a phone is being used or is visible (i.e. in external blazer or trouser pockets), it will be confiscated for collection at 3:20pm.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please do not text or call them but instead inform Reception by phoning 02476 589000 and we will pass any messages on.

Teaching and Learning

Students continue to rise to our high expectations of 100% engagement, 100% of the time; they are now used to being chosen to answer questions, rather than just putting their hands up and are becoming much more active participants in their lessons, which is a joy to see!

Literacy

The library continues to prove popular at lunchtimes with students able to complete homework, read quietly or attend the Games Club. We are also looking forward to World Book Day after half term when we will be encouraging all students to talk about their favourite books.

Maths

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students in this year's Senior Maths Challenge. Year 11 performed exceptionally well, securing 2 Gold, 5 Silver, and 15 Bronze awards, with Gold awards achieved by Atif W and Ethan N. In Year 10, Joshua B achieved a Gold award, alongside 5 Silver and 7 Bronze certificates. Year 9 students also did brilliantly, earning 3 Silver and 7 Bronze awards. These results reflect the hard work, resilience, and strong mathematical thinking of our students. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part.

Key Stage 3 Update

All Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit Coventry University or Birmingham University to gain an insight into Higher Education and the opportunities available to them Post 16. We have found that early discussion around and introduction to the possibilities open to students after they have taken their GCSEs is really beneficial for our students.

Some of our Year 8 students took part in an interactive 'Do Good' workshop, delivered by Rights of Passage Productions, where they used drama to explore good character.

Year 9 students took part in a Careers Panel session delivered by CBS, where they had an opportunity to explore different careers and take part in a Q&A session with the panellists, ahead of their options process where they will be selecting which subjects they would like to study at GCSE.

Key Stage 4 Update

We are very excited about our Careers Fayre this Friday! We have over 50 businesses and further education establishments coming along. This year, we are bringing our Year 10 as well as Year 11 and Sixth Form students to the Careers Fayre to encourage them to think about their next steps.

Year 10 Update

Our Year 10 students have settled into their option subjects and are engaging well in their lessons. They have been displaying Intentional Excellence in seeking work experience placements and are looking forward to experiencing the world of work in June. They have completed their second set of AP in their option subjects.

Year 11 Update

This term marked the launch of the second Year 11 initiative designed to support students as they prepare for their AP2 Mock Examinations, beginning on Monday 23rd February. As part of this initiative, we resumed our 'Coursework Catch-up' sessions during the first week back, focusing on Health and Social Care, Sport and iMedia Studies coursework deadlines.

We also had a strong turnout at the Year 11 Parents' Evening, where both students and families joined us in large numbers. During the evening, we provided revision guides to help with exam preparation and offered an opportunity for parents to receive valuable one-to-one feedback from staff. This event allowed our students and their families to gain a clear understanding of the topics to focus on in order to maximise their exam results and elevate their grades.

The Period 6 sessions will continue into the next half-term as follows:

Year 11 Period 6					
Day	Week B	Week A	Week B	Week A	Week B
			9th March	16th March	23rd March
Monday	w/c 23rd February Mock Exams	w/c 2nd March Mock Exams	Maths	Geography & History	Hospitality & Catering/ Geography
			Week B 10th March	Week A 17th March	Week B 24rd March
Tuesday	w/c 23rd February Mock Exams	w/c 2nd March Mock Exams	English	Science	MFL & Computer Science

Year 11 and Year 13 Exam Update

We continue to support and challenge our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for their Summer exams and their potential next steps and destinations. Their mock exams will be sat after the February half term break and the actual GCSE and A level examinations will take place very soon after the Easter holidays. Therefore, at this stage, your child should be completing homework or engaging in high-quality revision for at least 90 minutes per weeknight and around their schedules at weekends.

Sixth Form Update

This half-term has been an extremely busy and productive time in Sixth Form. Our Year 13 students submitted their UCAS applications and now eagerly await offers from their chosen universities.

Career Ready students in Year 12 participated in their one-to-one mentor meeting in the Academy where they met with their industry assigned mentor. Moving forwards, students and mentors will arrange their own meetings and students will update their mentors on how they are getting on with their Career Ready progress.

Year 13 students are now preparing for their final mock examinations which will take place once they return to school after the half-term break. Year 12 students find themselves in a similar position and are preparing for their Assessment Point 2 examinations. We look forward to welcoming Year 12 parents and carers to Year 12 Parents Evening on 16th April.

Student Development and Personal Development

This half term has been filled with a wide range of inspiring and informative events aimed at enhancing Student Development. It has been an enriching and memorable half term of growth, learning, and reflection!

Our 'Employability Skills Programme' has launched for our Year 12 students led by Coventry Building Society. Students have taken part in face to face workshops focused on next steps beyond Grace as well as a workplace visit to Coventry House.

Our Year 7 students were all given the opportunity to attend either Coventry University or University College Birmingham. These visits were aimed to encourage aspiration about their journey ahead and show our students all that University entails.

Year 12 students took part in three 'Building Healthy Relationships' sessions as part of our Personal Development curriculum. These workshops were led by an external facilitator from the Grace Foundation.

Anti-racism workshops took place for our Year 9 students led by Rights of Passage Production.

Panels were led by Coventry Building Society for our Year 9 and Year 12 students based on 'Graduate programmes' as well as a careers focused session led by Spitfire Homes.

The students have taken part in cultural capital events such as World Religion Day, Children's Mental Health week and Safer Internet Day.

Student Online Safety

The government is launching a new website on 16th February to support families and encourage regular conversations with children about what they are seeing online, asking simple questions such as "who shared this?" and "why?". Based on parents' main concerns and needs, it provides:

- Tips for parents' conversations with their children around online activity;
- Actions to support each stage of their child's life in connection with online activity;
- Parental controls information.

Parents will also be signposted to trusted resources from charities and third parties in order to access other forms of support (for example, speaking to an expert).

The website will continue to grow and be developed this year. Please use this link: [kids online safety](#)

Safeguarding

As the half term begins we are fully aware that some of our students may still require support, advice or guidance over the February half term break. Therefore, we have put together a list of agencies and services that our students and families can access outside of school hours and during the holidays. Additionally, we have distributed wallet size "Who Can I Talk To?" cards for our students.

Should you require any further information please refer to the list of agencies and services highlighted below:

The Moat Family Hub:	02476 978036 themoatfamilyhub@coventry.gov.uk
Coventry Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):	02476 788555

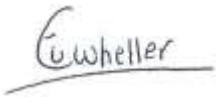
Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours Social Care):	02476 832222 (State that you have a concern about a child and want to speak to Children's Social Care)
NSPCC Helpline:	0808 800 500
Childline:	0800 11 11
Coventry Mind Wellbeing Hub:	02476 224 417
CRASAC:	02476 277 777
Shout:	Text the word "SHOUT" to 85258

Parent Governor

At Grace Academy Coventry we are looking for an additional Parent Governor who can offer support to the school in a professional capacity as we continue our development. This opportunity is a commitment to the school and would suit a parent who has professional experience, either in education or industry, and who would be able to support us with experience in HR, finance, communications or apprenticeship opportunities. To be able to fulfil this role you need to attend regular meeting (6 meetings each academic year), visit the school occasionally and take part in induction and relevant training (all of which is provided for you for free). If you would like to have an informal discussion regarding this, please email sarahmcadam@graceacademy.org.uk for further information.

We hope you enjoy the break and look forward to welcoming the students back to school at the usual time on Monday 23rd February.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Wheller
Associate Principal



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