

Thursday, 26th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term Letter

I would like to thank you for your support this term. We have enjoyed a fantastic term of events, trips, extra-curricular, theatre performances and community events and I thank you for your support.

We are very proud of how hard our students have worked for their assessments and mocks and we are really proud of their continuing commitment to our core values of Amazing Grace, Intentional Excellence, Mutual Respect, Genuine Integrity and Limitless Potential.

Attendance

Once again, we have celebrated maximum attendance this 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%.

Key Stage 3 Update

We are delighted that we are full in September for Year 7, with a waiting list. We are looking forward to starting our Year 6 transition events over the next few months, and welcoming our next cohort into Grace Academy.

All Key Stage 3 students have now completed their Assessment Point 2 ("AP2") exams and these results will be published to parents through MCAS at the beginning of the summer term. Please use the information in these reports to support your child and please do not hesitate to contact the Academy if you have any questions.

Year 9 had their Parents' Evening and Options Evening this term with fantastic engagement from parents, students and staff. Conversations will be taking place between students and members of the leadership team regarding their subject option choices for GCSE once we return after the Easter break.

Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 16th April between 4pm and 7pm and Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 7th May between 4pm and 7pm. Please book your appointments through the MCAS App.



Executive Principal:
Mrs N Bryan

Associate Principal:
Mrs E Wheller



Key Stage 4 Update

Year 10

We are looking forward to starting to prepare our Year 10 students for starting in Year 11 and we will be having conversations with Year 10 about the expectations of Year 11, the Year 11 offer and fundamentally what to expect from a GCSE examination period. Year 10 students are busy preparing for work experience which is taking place in the summer term. If your child has not confirmed a work experience placement yet please ensure you contact their tutor so we can offer some support.

Finally, a reminder of the Year 10 Parents' Evening which will take place on Wednesday 13th May for which you will be able to book appointments through the MCAS app.

Year 11

Year 11 students have now sat their final (Mock 2) assessments. We were very impressed with their engagement with the exams process and hope they will be encouraged to continue their revision for the summer exams. Year 11 will be given a range of revision materials to complete over the Easter holidays and we would encourage them to engage with these so they can unlock their Limitless Potential.

Year 11 Mentoring

As we commit more time to support the wellbeing of our students we are providing selected groups of students with mentoring. All members of the Academy Leadership Team are now working alongside selected Year 11 students, trying to help them overcome barriers and identify how they can make progress with their exams and future goals. This support will continue into the summer term.

Sixth Form Update

Once again, the Spring term has been a very busy period for our Post-16 students. Our Year 12 students on the Career Ready programme have continued their 1-1 mentoring with meetings taking place onsite, virtually and in company offices. We hosted an icebreaker session for mentors and students to meet which was a great success, with many stating they feel that the external guidance is helping them prepare for life post-Grace Academy.

Year 12 students have been continuing to source their work experience placements which are scheduled to take place in the final week of this academic year. This will be an invaluable experience for them to gain a detailed insight into the profession they are potentially interested in pursuing as a future career.

Both Years 12 and 13 undertook their Mock 2 examinations during this term for which the students had prepared well and we were very proud of their determination to achieve.

Year 13 UCAS offers are continuing to come in, which is great to see, and the students are beginning the process of confirming their firm and insurance choices.

Finally, our Year 12 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 16th April. Please ensure you book appointments through the MCAS App. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Moore.

Ethos and Wellbeing Update

Rewards

It has been brilliant to reward so many of our students again as part of our celebration assemblies this term. We have rewarded our students for 97% and above attendance, effort and attainment in lessons, tutor engagement, staff recognition and for embodying the Grace Way.

Ethos and Pastoral Curriculum

Year 7 students took part in a careers workshop led by The Grace Foundation on teamwork and the importance of this both now and in the world of work.

As part of our Year 12 enrichment programme, Year 12 students took part in an interactive road safety session led by West Midlands Fire Service.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a wonderful partnership with Coventry Building Society. As well as working with our Sixth Form students on CV writing and interview skills and working with the Career Ready mentors, staff members from CBS volunteer some time to the Academy. This term, we welcomed a team of volunteers here to re-decorate our school counselling room and our Early Careers Teacher room. These are now great spaces for both our students and staff.

Students from Years 9 and 12 took part in an Apprenticeships Panel led by Coventry Building Society where they were able to hear from apprentices and have the opportunity to ask questions around what this career pathway could look like.

Our Ethos team have led Easter assemblies and shared how the Christian resurrection story brings hope after failure, doubt and struggle and offers restoration and new beginnings.



The Ethos team is holding an Easter family event on Tuesday 31st March from 11am - 2pm.

Please email Mrs E Williams (emilywilliams@graceacademy.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

We are fortunate to have so many talented students at Grace Academy and this year are able to put on two productions. We are so proud of all students who took part in our recent production of "Heathers: Teen Edition". The hard work and commitment that was shown, as well as the talent, was outstanding. Thank you to those who were able to join us in supporting the students. We are looking forward to our next

production which is “The Lion King” which will be on during the week commencing 29th June – we hope to see you there!

Trips

Our students have been offered a number of amazing experiences and opportunities to further develop their skills and knowledge. The trips this term have included:

Year 7 - Coventry University

Year 7 - Birmingham University

Year 12 - Coventry Building Society Workplace Visit

Drama students - Visit to Grace Academy Solihull to see their production of “Matilda”

Key Stage 4 - Severn Trent Visit

Key Stage 4 - National Apprenticeship Week, Women in Construction, MTC Manufacturing Summit

Key Stage 4 - Construction Trip to IM Group

Year 10 - Attendance Rewards Trip to Tenpin Bowling

Year 10 - All England Badminton tournament trip

Year 10 - Maths & Beyond Trip to Warwick University

Tutor2u Grade Booster Revision Sessions at Star City, Birmingham for GCSE Business, BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care, A-level Psychology and A-level Sociology.

Safeguarding and Family Support

As a school, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and members of the school community is most important to us.

As we break for the Easter holiday, if you have any immediate concerns for the safety or welfare of a child please contact MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 024 7678 8555

If you need support for yourself over the Easter holiday, please contact your local family hub: [coventry family hub easter activities](#).

Family Hub aim to reach children, young people and families when the need first emerges and to help and support at the time to have the greatest impact.

- Early Help: telephone 0800 8870545 or email: earlyhelp@coventry.gov.uk
- Emergency Duty Team: telephone 024 7683 2222 between 5pm and 8.30am and during weekends
- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): telephone 024 7678 8555

Coventry Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme are running a range of activities over Easter. If you are wanting to find out more about free school holiday clubs, experiences and food this Easter break for children eligible for free school meals, please take a look at the spring brochure here:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/holiday-activities-food>

Kooth are also providing Easter break support over the next two weeks. Kooth provides free, safe and anonymous support for young people's mental wellbeing: <https://www.kooth.com/>

Principal Update

You will have received the letter from Mrs Bryan (formerly Mrs Whiles) who, having achieved so much in the last 5 years, has moved to an exciting role in the Trust. We wish her well and will continue to see her every so often when she attends Trust meetings. I will be stepping up to the role of Principal after the Easter break and assure you that the fantastic achievements and good works of the school will continue. I

look forward to continuing to celebrate our student successes and cannot wait to see what the summer term has to offer. I am especially excited about our fantastic production of The Lion King, meeting our new Year 7 students, seeing our Year 11 students succeed in their GCSE examinations, Year 11 Prom, Year 11 leavers' assembly, Year 13 leavers' assembly and our amazing enrichment week!

End of Term Arrangements

For the last day students are expected to wear full school uniform and it will be a full school day. To ensure a calm end to the term there will be a staggered dismissal from 2.50pm.

Arrangements for Return

Please note the following dates for next term:

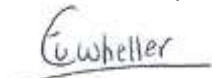
Start of term for all students: Monday 13th April 2026

May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

End of Term: Friday 22nd May 2026

We hope you enjoy the Easter break and look forward to welcoming our students back to school at the normal time on Monday 13th April 2026.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Wheller

Associate Principal