

Friday, 29th August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a great summer and have been able to enjoy time together. I am really looking forward to welcoming your child back on **Wednesday 3rd September at 8.20am**.

I thought I would take this opportunity to share with you the pastoral team who will be working with your child this year, ensuring positive student wellbeing and supporting all students to demonstrate "The Grace Way".

- Mr S Ruddock - Head of Year 9: stephenruddock@graceacademy.org.uk
- Mr M Davis and Miss S Rawlins- Assistant Heads of Key Stage 3:
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- Mrs S Dalton- Assistant Principal responsible for Key Stage 3 Student Outcomes:
sarahdalton@graceacademy.org.uk
- Mrs R Wildman- Year 9 ALT link: rebeccawildman@graceacademy.org.uk
- Miss L Smith- Vice Principal responsible for Student Care: lisasmith@graceacademy.org.uk

Key Dates:

			Events
Term 1:	Year 9 return to school	Wednesday 3rd September	School photos - Monday 8th September Year 6 Open Evening - Wednesday 17th September Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 16th October
	Last day of term for students:	Thursday 23rd October	
	School closed to students:	Friday 24th October	
Half term holiday: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October			
Term 2:	Students return to school:	Monday 3rd November	AP1 Assessments - throughout November Christmas Fayre - Friday 5th December
	School closed to students:	Friday 28th November	
	Last day of term for students:	Friday 19th December	
Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January			
Term 3:	School closed to students:	Monday 5th January	Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening - Thursday 12th February
	Students return to school:	Tuesday 6th January	
	Last day of term for students:	Friday 13th February	

Executive Principal:
Mrs N Whiles

Associate Principal:
Mrs E Wheller



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			Events
	Half term holiday: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February		
Term 4:	Students return to school:	Monday 23rd February	AP2 Assessments - throughout March
	Last day of term for students:	Friday 27th March	
	Easter holiday: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April		
Term 5:	Students return to school:	Monday 13th April	
	School closed to students:	Monday 4th May	
	Last day of term for students:	Friday 22nd May	
	Half term holiday: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May		
Term 6:	Students return to school:	Monday 1st June	AP3 Assessments - throughout June
	Last day of term for students:	Friday 17th July	

Here at Grace, we have high expectations and endeavour to ensure all students demonstrate and embody "The Grace Way". The Academy Charter, which embodies all of these expectations in and around school, is located in the student planners and should be signed by students and parents. Student Planners will be given to every student on Wednesday 3rd September and they are expected to bring this to school every day.

Students need to ensure they are wearing the correct uniform. If you have any uniform concerns, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. We have a stock of uniform that can be borrowed from our Ethos Team. A reminder that we expect natural hair colours/braids, no jewellery (except one stud in each ear and a mechanical watch), no shaved eyebrows/heads, no false eyelashes/nails and students should wear the Grace Academy uniform (as per our Uniform Policy).

When we return in September, we will be implementing a one-way system for students to move around school site which will not only enhance the safety of students at busy times but also ensure they are able to move around the Academy in an orderly fashion. We will explain this system to the students on their first day back and will be positioning staff around the Academy to guide students during times of movement.

Should you have any questions during the year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor on the email addresses below:

Year 9 Team - Contact Details:

- 9DAL - Ms D Alletson – drewalletson@graceacademy.org.uk
- 9ECO - Miss E Cooke - elliecooke@graceacademy.org.uk
- 9ESI - Miss E Sidhu - elishasidhu@graceacademy.org.uk
- 9PMO - Miss P Moore - pheobemoore@graceacademy.org.uk
- 9PTA - Dr P Taylor - pierstaylor@graceacademy.org.uk
- 9RDA (previously 8NHA) - Mr R Darko - richarddarko@graceacademy.org.uk
- 9RME (previously 8TSC) - Miss R Menezes - rheamenezes@graceacademy.org.uk
- 9SMH - Miss S Mahmood - sanamahmood@graceacademy.org.uk

I wish our Year 9 students a fantastic start to the year and we are certain that, with your support, they will be able to maximise their Limitless Potential and show Intentional Excellence whilst displaying Mutual Respect throughout the year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Ruddock', written in a cursive style.

Mr Stephen Ruddock
Head of Year 9