

Thursday, 20th August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome Back to Year 11

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 **Thursday 3rd September at 8.40am**.

A reminder that Form Tutors are always the first point of contact, and their email addresses can be found below. We will be holding a **"Year 8 Meet the Tutor Event"** on **Thursday 3rd September between 3:15pm and 4:15 pm** for you to be able to discuss your child's progress, behaviour and attendance with them. If you are unable to attend, the tutor will contact you in the first half term to check in.

Year 8 Team - Contact Details:

11AWO	Mr A Wood	adamwood@graceacademy.org.uk
11BBR	Miss B Brogden	bethanybrogden@graceacademy.org.uk
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I thought I would take this opportunity to share with you the wider pastoral team who will be working with your child this year, ensuring positive student wellbeing and supporting all students to demonstrate "The Grace Way".

- Miss P Moore - Head of Year – phoebemoore@graceacademy.org.uk
- Mr M Davis - Assistant Head of Key Stage – morgandavis@graceacademy.org.uk
- Mrs S Bassi - Assistant Principal responsible for Key Stage 4 Student Outcomes: setabassi@graceacademy.org.uk
- Mr R Mann - Year 11 ALT link: rapindermann@graceacademy.org.uk
- Mrs A Colclough - Year 11 Head of Faculty link – amycolclough@graceacademy.org.uk
- Miss L Smith- Vice Principal responsible for Student Care: lisasmith@graceacademy.org.uk



Principal:
Mrs E Wheller

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Registered Office Address: c/o Sponne School, Brackley Road, Towcester, Northants NN12 6DJ



Timings of the School Day:

8:00-8:40	Family Breakfast and Homework support (optional)
8:40-8:45	Arrive for line ups
8:45-9:00	Line ups and AM form time
9:00-10:00	P1
10:00-11:00	P2
11:00-11:20	Break Time
11:20-12.20	P3
12:20-13.20	P4
13.20-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:55	P5
14:55-15:15	PM form time
15:15-16:00	Homework and After School clubs (optional)

Key Dates:

			<u>Year 11 Events</u>
Term 1	Last day of term	Thursday 22 nd October	♦ Meet the Tutor Event – Thursday 3rd September (3.15pm-4.15pm) ♦ Year 6 Open Evening - Wednesday 9 th September ♦ Mocks w/c – 14 th September ♦ Year 11 Parents Evening and 6th Form Open Evening – Wednesday 21st October ♦ Attendance Rewards Trip - Thursday 22 nd October
	School closed to students	Friday 23 rd October	
	Half Term holiday	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	
Term 2	Students return to school	Monday 2 nd November	♦ Christmas Fayre - Friday 11 th December
	School closed to students	Friday 4 th December	
	Last day of term	Friday 18 th December	

	Christmas holiday	Monday 21 st December – Monday 4 th January	
Term 3	School closed to students	Monday 4 th January	
	Students return to school	Tuesday 5 th January	
	Last day of term	Friday 12 th February	
	Half term holiday	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	
Term 4	Students return to school	Monday 22 nd February	
	Last day of term	Thursday 25 th March	
	Easter holiday	Friday 26 ^h March – Friday 9 th April	
Term 5	Students return to school	Monday 12 th April	
	School closed to students	Monday 3 rd May	
	Last day of term	Friday 28 th May	
	Half term holiday	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	
Term 6	Students return to school	Monday 7 th June	♦ 1st GCSE Exam - Monday 10th May ♦ Last possible GCSE Exam - Wednesday 23rd June
	School closed to students	Monday 28 th June	
	Last day of term	Wednesday 21 st July	
	Summer holidays begin	Thursday 22 nd July	

Equipment

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.

Uniform

As Year 11 students prepare for their GCSE examinations, it is vital that they set the highest standards for themselves in every aspect of Academy life, including attendance, punctuality, behaviour and presentation. Students must ensure they are wearing the correct uniform each day. 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 (per our Uniform Policy).

Mobile Phones

A reminder that phones, and any other electronic devices, must be handed in when students arrive at school, and will be locked away securely until the end of the school day. If students are found to be in possession of a device, this will be confiscated for 24 hours and additional sanctions may be applied.

Year 11 is a significant milestone, bringing opportunities, challenges and important decisions about the future. We encourage all students to embrace every opportunity available to them, work hard, seek support when needed and remain committed to achieving their very best. With your continued support, we are confident that our Year 11 students will maximise their Limitless Potential, demonstrate Intentional

Excellence and show Mutual Respect as they work towards a successful and rewarding final year at Grace Academy.

Kind regards,

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

Miss P Moore
Head of Year 8