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Dear Parent/Carer

This time last year I wrote 'I have been struck in awe at the boundless energy and enthusiasm that is still being shown by the students and staff as we approach the end of term' – and if that was true then it is certainly now: this has indeed been an academic year full of achievement and endeavour. Our inaugural music festival on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 'Academy Calling' epitomises the spirit that flows through everything good about Furness Academy. Staff and students working together with the community to share in the endeavour that creates a wonderful event that is great to be part of and leaves lasting, happy memories. Whilst I am convinced that a great school starts with inspirational and brilliant teaching and tutoring in the classroom, a school is more than just the sum of its lessons. In partnership with its parents and carers it lays the foundations, and creates the culture, to enable young people to thrive and grow. We believe that this development of a young person's character should not be left to chance but be deliberately taught and planned as a journey from Year 7 through to Year 11 and beyond. We already do lots of fantastic work and a key priority for next year will be to audit and map out the whole sequence of activities throughout a student's life here so we can ensure its status is promoted and fully understood by everyone.

With this in mind, I am keen to place greater emphasis on our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Relationships, and in particular to ensure that our young people become increasingly aware of how best to model and frame their behaviour to incorporate these ideals. No act of kindness is ever wasted, and as well as all the other positive things that Furness Academy is known for it would be great if it was known best of all as a kind school, as well as being one full of opportunity.

Year 11 students are, hopefully, now relaxing after the long GCSE ordeal. As I listened to the wonderful tributes paid to our leavers and listened to their reminiscences during their final days, assembly and Prom it was clear that Furness Academy has been a special place for them too. They have been an impressive year group and have led the school with distinction and it has been our pleasure and privilege to spend time in their company.

### **Staffing**

The end of summer term is always a happy time with the holidays to look forward to, but also a thought provoking time as familiar faces prepare to depart.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to the following members of staff: Dr. Ellingham and Miss Lappin from the Science department, Miss Lumsden from the English department, Miss Truman from the Administration team and Mrs Newby and Mrs Palfreeman from the Catering team. We also say goodbye to Mrs Parsons from the Languages department who was with us whilst Mrs Knagg-Baugh took her maternity leave. I know that they have all touched and enriched the lives of many students and their colleagues here at Furness Academy and they all leave us with our best wishes for the future.

I would like to also take this opportunity to tell you about the end of term and the start of the next academic year's arrangements.

### **End of term arrangements**

The final week of term will involve various educational trips and activities. Students not participating in these activities will be expected to attend in normal school uniform. On Wednesday we will be holding our summer fete and students may attend school in non-uniform. We would request a £1.00 donation to support the Academy's charities.



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### **Final day arrangements**

The Academy will close to students for the summer break on **Friday 20 July 2018**. Students will attend periods 1–4, and will be dismissed at **12:40pm**. Should your child be entitled to a free school meal, arrangements will be in place to order a sandwich for collection just after 12:40pm. A packed lunch will be available for students who order one. Students will be expected to attend in normal school uniform.

### **Arrangements for the start of the academic year 2018-2019**

Autumn term starts for students on **Wednesday 5 September 2018**. New students in Year 7, plus selected senior prefects, should be in the Academy for **8:30am** where they will be met by staff. After a brief assembly they will go to their form tutor rooms. Existing Academy students (Years 8-11) will start promptly at **9:50am**; they should go straight to their form tutor room to be registered.

### **Term dates**

Term dates for 2018-2019, enrichment Wednesday dates and timings of the school day are listed on the reverse of this letter.

Finally, as always it has been my pleasure to be part of a thriving school community for a third year. We are in your debt and I would like to express my thanks to all parents and carers who have trusted us, supported us, tried to work with us, and those who continue to encourage us.

Yours faithfully



Mr S P Laheney  
**Headteacher**

**TIMINGS OF THE ACADEMY DAY**

School Day		Enrichment Wednesday
8.40am – 9.00am	Form Time	8.40am – 9.00am
9.00am – 9.50am	Period 1	9.00am – 9.40am
9.50am – 10.40am	Period 2	9.40am – 10.20am
10.40am – 11.00am	Break	10.20am – 10.40am
11.00am – 11.50am	Period 3	10.40am – 11.20am
11.50am – 12.40pm	Period 4	11.20am – 12.00pm
12.40pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	12.00pm – 12.50pm
1.30pm – 2.20pm	Period 5	12.50pm – 1.30pm
2.20pm – 3.10pm	Period 6	1.30pm – 2.10pm
From 3.10pm	Period 7	From 2.10pm

**ENRICHMENT WEDNESDAY**

These fall on the following dates:

19/09/18	03/10/18	17/10/18	07/11/18
21/11/18	05/12/18	19/12/18	16/01/19
30/01/19	13/02/19	06/03/19	20/03/19
24/04/19	08/05/19	22/05/19	12/06/19
26/06/19	10/07/19		

**TERM DATES 2018–2019**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Wednesday 5 September
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday 21 December
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday 7 January
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday 29 March
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday 15 April
	<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday 19 April
	<b>Easter Monday</b>	Monday 22 April
	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 6 May
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday 19 July