



# Sir Frederic Osborn School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, which I hope everyone enjoyed.

I am writing to inform you of the need to change some crucial dates in our current calendar.

As you aware these are exciting times for our school as we move towards the opening of the new Ridgeway Academy. Already our current students have had the experience of being fitted for their new uniforms and we are consulting with them over the creation of a new house system. We are also getting prepared to accept the increased number of first choice students who have applied to join our new Ridgeway Academy for September 2018.

To ensure that the academy is ready for an efficient and effective opening we need to modify our current calendar to facilitate this.

Please do take note of the following dates:

- Tuesday 5 June 2018: school will close for all students at 1.05pm (**except those doing public examinations**). Students doing public examinations will have a normal day.
- Thursday 19 and Friday 20 July 2018: school will be closed to all students. The final day of term will be **Wednesday 18 July 2018** and the school will close at **12.05pm**.

Having taken the advice of other schools who have experienced similar changes, the reason for these calendar changes are to enable all staff to have the required training and to ensure the learning environment is set up to the highest standard before we open as our new academy.

We do hope you can appreciate the unique nature of the actions we are taking and that they appear sensible and reasonable.

We do appreciate the support we receive from parents/carers and we will continue to keep you informed of the developments towards the opening of Ridgeway Academy.

Yours sincerely

J C Whelan  
Headteacher

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