

3 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to confirm our position regarding Eid. As an Academy we recognise the celebration of religious occasions and the importance of Eid in the Islamic calendar. For this reason we allow all Muslim students, one day authorised absence to celebrate this important occasion.

The Islamic calendar states that Eid ul Fitr 2018 is likely to fall on **Friday 15 June 2018**, although we are aware that this date could vary for different students. The academy will be open as normal to all students on this date. Students of a Muslim faith will be allowed a one day authorised absence for Eid ul Fitr, but with the expectation that they attend the Academy throughout the preceding days of the week.

If a student takes more than one day's leave from the Academy for this celebration, this will result in the absence being unauthorised and if the attendance of your child falls below expectations it could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

#### **Important notice for students taking exams**

Please note that should Eid ul Fitr fall on a school day, there is a possibility that your child will have an exam during the day. We understand the difficulties this could potentially cause, however it is incredibly important that your child attends all their exam(s). It is worth noting that the GCSE Physics exam is on Friday 15 June along with the GCSE Citizenship Studies exam.

On behalf of the academy I thank you for your continued support in terms of addressing the importance of attendance to your child's education and future life chances.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs A Sweeten**  
Principal