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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this finds you well and coping with the current circumstances. A number of parents and carers have contacted me to say they have received a letter from Solihull Council highlighting alternative schools/academies and providers for the next academic year for their child.

This is a letter that is generated by central government who have access to your child's information and your address. Whilst the letter highlights a number of alternatives it does not give any context on their performance or opportunities not only in year 10 but beyond post 16 education.

Our commitment to you and your child is to provide the best education and environment we can to ensure your child succeeds not only in the academy but throughout life. It is important to consider our track record not only of continuous improved outcomes, placing us in the highest performing academy bracket in the country for our type of school, but also for the wider experience and support your child gets at Grace.

Year 10 is a critical year to consider moving a child to a new environment that may not follow the same pathway and standards they have been used to for the previous 3 years. As you will know we treat students as individuals and consider their needs when we plan and deliver not only our lessons but our support and guidance. This knowledge is based on the relationship we have developed with you and your child over the years. It would be extremely hard to replicate this in a short period of time elsewhere.

Whilst I appreciate that you as parents will always want the best for your child, and will of course make the decision that is right for your situation, I strongly feel that your child's best chance of success and achievement can be found here at Grace Academy. If you would like to discuss any alternatives provision or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the academy and speak to either the Head of Year, Miss Ellis or an independent career adviser that the academy provides for all students.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder  
**Principal**  
**For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust**