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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: End of term letter - May 2021

I write as we come to the end of another half term, which was again, an extremely busy six weeks for everyone. We have one last half term to push through before we can all have a good break over summer, but in the meantime I would once again like to acknowledge the support we have received from parents/carers this term in ensuring students are keeping up their attendance and the quality of work at school.

A few good news stories that I am pleased to share with you include a free fruit event which was provided to all students to help them maintain a healthy lifestyle which we like to encourage here at Grace. Also, our new year 6 intake for September has been welcomed to the Grace family by giving them access to the already successful breakfast club, which is held weekly at the Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre. Uptake for this has been high and responses from families have been positive with some really appreciating the thought behind the gesture to ensure their child gets a good breakfast before heading to school. As mentioned in my last end of term letter, we are continuing to develop a technology lending library and we hope to have this up and running early in the next half term, so we will be in contact about this as soon as possible. To aid in the starting of this loan system, if you still have any devices, please can you ensure these are all returned by **Friday 11 June**, which is the first Friday after the break.

A few key points to note as we come to this May half term break:

- For students who access free school meals, please note that over this break the local authority will be continuing this provision under their Covid winter grant scheme.
- Please continue to complete the Lateral Flow testing at home over the break, using the kits already distributed and ensure you log all results on the NHS website as directed by the test kit information.
- Again as we continue to return to more normal days, can you please speak to your child about the need for vigilance and an awareness of traffic as they make their way to and from the academy. The amount of traffic is building as restrictions continue to be eased and students need to be aware of their surroundings and avoid being distracted when crossing the road. Where possible, please also advise your child to walk in groups and stay on the main roads.
- I would also like to ask that parents take this half term break to ensure students have all the necessary items of clothing to be able to adhere to the Academy's uniform policy. In particular, please ensure hoodies and trainers are not worn, chains/necklaces are not worn or visible on top of the uniform, and as we come into the warmer weather at this time of the year, check that skirt lengths are at knee level, as noted in the Uniform policy.
- After the half term break, as you will already have been notified, the year 11s will have a blended learning approach so please encourage them to continue to keep up their efforts with this and relay to them that attendance at these sessions is still important for their learning. Students will be invited on site some days, and if this is the case, please remind them that they need to come in full school

uniform, unless otherwise notified.

- The last day of this term will be **Friday 28 May**, where the academy will be running a full day provision and the first day of summer term 2 will begin on **Monday 7 June**.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of all of our students, who not only continue to impress the staff at Grace, but external visitors to the site as well. I hope that you all have a restful break and look forward to the sun giving all of us a much needed positive boost in the coming weeks as we head towards the summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Gelder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Darren Gelder

Principal

For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust