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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of a successful term at the Academy, I would like to thank all staff and pupils for their **commitment** in ensuring that the academy has provided the best possible provision this term. Additionally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in **working in partnership with us** to help achieve success for every child.

As we look forward to the beginning of a new term, I am excited to share that we will be moving into the next phase of the Academy's development, with the appointment of a new Head of School. Mr Daniel Richards has moved on to secure the role of Principal at another Ark School within Birmingham and therefore, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Farzana Ahmed as **the new Head of School**, who will oversee the day to day running of the academy. I will continue to support the leadership of the academy in my role as Executive Principal.

Ms Ahmed has been a leader within the academy for the last six years and has a deep-rooted connection with our students and the community. I am confident that her appointment will support the academy in delivering its aims of **excellence** for students, staff and the local community.

Ramadan and Eid Ul-Fitr

It has been wonderful to see the **self-discipline** that students have been demonstrating through the month of Ramadan so far. This is a time for **self-reflection** and demonstrating **humility** and **gratitude** and therefore it is an important time for pupils to re-connect with the purpose of this holy month and how it **permeates every aspect of their day-to-day life**. As such, we expect our students to be in school at the usual times throughout Ramadan and to fully participate in all lessons.

We understand that the likely date for Eid-ul-Fitr is Monday 2nd May which is a public holiday when students are not required to attend school. If this is the case, then students **will be expected to attend** school on Tuesday 03 May. In the event that Eid falls on Tuesday 3rd May, in line with guidance to schools on attendance, the school will allow **one day's absence for religious observance** on that day. We do not make assumptions about reasons for absence and require **notification from parents** for all absences, including if a student is absent to observe Eid.

Year 11

The GCSE examination period is very close now with the first exam starting on the 16th May 2022. To support students with their revision over the easter break, we have put together a special package of masterclasses, practice papers and revision guides for each subject via MS Teams. All students in year 11 have been shown how to access this content and I know that they will find it extremely useful. Subject leaders have worked hard to ensure that all revision material supports students to close gaps in their knowledge and skill so it's imperative that they use their time carefully to undertake this revision. Please

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do support with this by providing a quiet space for your child to work and holding them to account on how much revision is completed each day. All students have a revision timetable they should be following.

Finally, the academy will re-open to all pupils on **Tuesday 26th April at 8.15am**. Please ensure that your child arrives to the Academy on time, in the correct school uniform and is fully equipped for learning.

Ramadan Mubarak and a Happy Easter to you all.

Yours Sincerely,

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