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Dear Parent, Carer

End of Term Arrangements

As detailed in our published calendar Friday 20th July is the last day of the Summer Term for both staff and students.

On this day there will be unique lessons followed by special assemblies to thank pupils for their great efforts and hard work over the year. It will also be a **non-uniform day with a voluntary £1 donation** going to Acorns Children's hospice. Acorns Children's hospice provides care, support, fun and laughter for children with life limiting or life threatening conditions and their families.

The last day will begin as usual at 8.40am but **we will finish at 12.00 noon**. The 800 and 97 bus services will be rescheduled to leave the school site to reflect this change. As this is the last school day for many schools in Birmingham, there will be a high police presence on bus routes and around schools to ensure that the summer holiday starts in a positive and pleasant manner.

Look out for our Summer Term Newsletter "Tile Cross Talk" which will be coming home with the pupils on Friday 20th July and will also be available to read and/or download from our website.

Start of the New 2017/18 Academic Year Arrangements

8.40: Year 7 Assembly with the Headteacher in Central Hall

10.00: Earliest arrival time for students in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11.

On arrival in school, students will be directed to the playground and then subsequently organised in Tutor Groups before entering the venue for their House Assembly.

10.15: House Assemblies.

- Central: Central Hall
- International: Canteen
- Kenrick: Cube
- Martineau: Gym

School Uniform

Our uniform has enabled us to stand out from local schools this year. We want our students to continue to "look smart, feel smart and act smart", to wear their uniform with pride and to maintain the highest of standards throughout the year. As a result we will be enforcing our uniform rules rigorously from Day 1. It is therefore vital that you ensure your son/daughter complies with the uniform expectations. A uniform guide is available on our website if in doubt.



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Essentially the Tile Cross Academy uniform comprises of:

- ✓ Grey Blazer with Tile Cross Academy Badge
 - ✓ School tie (in House colours)
 - ✓ Plain white shirt
 - ✓ Trousers or skirt: mid grey (not light or dark grey nor charcoal grey or black) (not jeans, cords, chinos or skinny fit)
 - ✓ Plain black shoes: slip-ons or lace ups (no trainers or boots)
 - ✓ Black socks or tights
 - ✓ Mid grey V neck jumpers with House piping are available as an optional extra should students wish to wear a jumper (sweatshirts or jumpers of any other colour are not permitted)
 - ✓ Rucksack. All students must have a Tile Cross Academy Rucksack. This must be brought to school each day. New rucksacks can be purchased from the school for £6.50
 - ✓ Pencil case containing at least a black pen, red pen, pencil and ruler
 - ✓ PE Uniform in House colours.
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- × Our uniform DOES NOT consist of hoodies
 - × Our uniform DOES NOT consist of baseball caps

With your help, we are confident that our uniform will be worn with pride and that the standard of uniform will be high.

In addition to our uniform requirements, can I remind you that Tile Cross Academy has certain expectations with regard to the appearance of our students. Hairstyles, for example, should avoid extremes. For health and safety reasons, jewellery items are restricted to a watch, small ring and a single stud to the ear. No other body piercing or jewellery is allowed.

If there are any problems with regards to school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope that you have a wonderful summer with your children and look forward to welcoming them back on **Wednesday 5th September, 2018.**

Thank you again for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Etheridge
Headteacher