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Dear Families.

It is with great excitement that I write to you at the start of the academic year, now that your son/daughter is officially a Weston Favell Academy pupil. The atmosphere around the Academy this week has been incredibly positive, with pupils returning full of energy, ambition, and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Staff are equally delighted to be back, ready to support every child in achieving their very best throughout 2025–26.

Our Year 7 cohort have transitioned well. I have personally been impressed with their sense of purpose, confidence and respect for staff and their peers. There are so many examples of them individually and collectively demonstrating our 'WFA values' and my 'Everyday Standards'.

I would like to share some reminders with you:

Transition PowerPoint

This can be found on our website, please use think link to view – <u>Transition Presentation</u>.

Uniform Expectations and Standards

A strong sense of pride in our Academy begins with how we present ourselves. I would like to thank families for ensuring pupils return in full WFA uniform. Please can I remind everyone that our expectations remain high – pupils must wear their blazer, jumper, tie, and correct footwear (including the removal of silver tags on Air Force trainers) each day, alongside PE kit on relevant days. Full details of our uniform policy are available on our website WFA Uniform, and staff will continue to check standards daily.

Start Times and Attendance

The Academy day begins promptly at 8:40am, with pupils expected to be on site no later than 8:35am. Good punctuality sets the tone for learning, and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring all pupils arrive on time and ready to learn.

Detention Processes

Where standards around punctuality or behaviour are not met, our detention system will be applied consistently. Same-day detentions will be communicated to families via Classcharts, and we kindly ask parents to support us in reinforcing the importance of accountability and resilience.

Advance Notice – Early Closure

Please be aware that on Thursday 2nd October, the Academy will close early at 1:00pm in preparation for our annual Open Evening. Pupils who wish to stay for lunch are welcome to do so. Should you be unable to collect your child early, we will be more than happy to supervise them on site until 3.10pm. If you wish your child to stay for lunch on 2nd October and/or wish them to be supervised until 3.10pm, please click here to provide the details Open Evening Early Closure.

'Be Inspired'

This important event allows prospective families to see the academy in action, and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

The Open Evening starts at 5pm and welcomes prospective parents of Years 5 and 6 to look round the Academy and see what we have to offer. I will be doing introductory speeches at 5pm and 6.30pm. This evening is a great opportunity for prospective parents to speak to pupils who currently attend the Academy so we will be looking for pupil ambassadors to be on-site and support with the evening. Further information about this will be available shortly.

I would like to once again thank you for your ongoing support. Together we can ensure that this academic year is one filled with success, opportunity, and pride for all our pupils.

Finally, the academy newsletter will return next week with a full round-up of the 2024–25 academic year and I will make sure we include a page dedicated to our new Year 7 cohort.

Warm regards,

Mr K Beeby Head of School