



30 April 2025

Dear families

**Re: Summer Temperatures Update**

It is that time of year again where we see temperatures rise. In our existing buildings, the impact can be a challenge with classroom temperatures higher than usual, particularly in the afternoon. We know our existing facilities do not reflect the heat well enough.

I would like to be clear that my aim is always to ensure that your child is as comfortable as possible in school, especially in classrooms, and that they are able to learn as effectively as they can.

To improve the situation straightaway, I have taken the following action:

- I have made a significant investment in high-quality air-cooling units for all classrooms in the main block which is most adversely affected by the heat. The first ten of these are being delivered today and classrooms in use all day will benefit immediately from them. We have tested a unit before making the investment and they effectively lower the temperature by 8-10 degrees.

I am also making the following adaptations to our approach to uniform from tomorrow, 1 May:

- Rules on blazers will be relaxed, so pupils will not be required to wear these around the Academy or in lessons. These should still be brought to school, and pupils will wear blazers as normal in assemblies or other formal Academy events which take place, for example in the concert hall, which is much cooler.
- We adapted our policy two years ago to include tailored shorts. These can now be worn for the summer term. I need to be clear that the policy states tailored shorts, not shorts with logos, sports shorts or other non-tailored shorts. These are not allowed.

All other aspects of our uniform policy, including ties, must be met. I will then keep these measures under review during the summer term and inform you of any other changes.

Pupils will also be informed directly of adaptations and changes to manage the rising temperatures.

Kind regards



Mr M Brett  
Principal