14th July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to write to you at the end of a very successful year at Cedar Mount Academy. We await the published report from the full Ofsted Inspection in early July but we know that it will reflect the great progress that the school has made in the last year. I would like to thank all students, staff and parents for their hard work and support in 2016-17 and wish you all a peaceful summer.

This last letter of the academic year aims to provide parents and carers with reminders and information concerning the arrangements for the end of this academic year, the start of the new academic year in September, and other key information concerning the school calendar and uniform. Specific details concerning each of these areas are below. Copies of this letter will also be published on the school website.

**The end of this academic year**

This term finishes on Thursday 20th July and the students will be dismissed at 12:30pm from the sports hall after an end of year assembly. The assembly will be celebrating successes, showcasing talents and introducing the new Student Leadership Team for 2016-17. The yellow bus will collect students at 12:30pm. Students, who are entitled to a free school meal, can collect food to take with them from the Bistro as they leave.

**The start of the new academic year**

The Academy opens to students on Tuesday 5th September. There will be a staggered entry in the morning to make sure all students are fully prepared for the new term. The specific times for each year group to report to the Academy are below.

* Years 7 to arrive at 9:00am
* Years 8, 9 ,10 and 11 to arrive at 11:00am

**The school day**

The timings of the school day are as follows. All students are expected to be in their forms by 8:45am each morning. The school is open to students from 8.00am with breakfast available in the Bistro.

**2017-18 Academy Day**

Registration 8:45am - 9:00am

Lesson 1 9:00am - 10:00am

Lesson 2 10:00am - 11.00am

Break 11:00am - 11:15am

Lesson 3 11:15am - 12:15pm

Lesson 4 12:15pm - 13:15pm

Lunch 13:15pm - 14:05pm

Lesson 5 14.05pm - 15:05pm

**Buses**

**The following bus services run close by - more details can be found at** [**www.tfgm.com**](http://www.tfgm.com)

**Child bus fare applies:**

*Stagecoach* service 169 – Gorton, Levenshulme, Withington, West Didsbury, Southern Cemetery

*Stagecoach* service 168 – Ashton, Droylsden, Fairfield, Higher Openshaw, Gorton, Longsight, Levenshulme, Fallowfield, Chorlton

*Stagecoach* service 171 – Newton Heath, Clayton, Openshaw, Gorton, Levenshulme, Burnage, East Didsbury, Didsbury

*Stagecoach* service 172 – Newton Heath, Clayton, Openshaw, Gorton, Levenshulme, Burnage, Didsbury

*Stagecoach* service 173 – Stepping Hill, Offerton, Stockport, Heaton Chapel, Reddish, Levenshulme, Longsight, Manchester

**The Yellow School Bus**

**Child bus fare applies:**

The yellow school bus service will run in line with our start and finish times **08:45-15:05**. The specific timetable for the yellow bus is enclosed:

**The Yellow School Bus Route**

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| **Service 719 route: From** **Clayton, Methodist Church** via North Road, Ashton New Road, Grey Mare Lane, Albert Street, Orme Street, Palmerston Street, Great Ancoats Street, Mancunian Way, Union Street, Higher Ardwick, Stockport Road, Devonshire Street, Coverdale Crescent, New Bank Street, Kirkmanshulme Lane, Stockport Road, Matthews Lane, Mount Road, Melland Road, Wembley Road **to Cedar Mount Academy.**  **Returning from Cedar Mount Academy** via Wembley Road, Melland Road, Mount Road, Matthews Lane, Stockport Road, Kirkmanshulme Lane, New Bank Street, Coverdale Crescent, Devonshire Street, Stockport Road, Higher Ardwick, Chancellor Lane, Pin Mill Brow, Great Ancoats Street, Palmerston Street, Orme Street, Albert Street, Grey Mare Lane, Ashton New Road, North Street **to Clayton, Methodist Church.** |

**Uniform**

The Academy uniform can be purchased from our supplier MCS stores. Address 220-222 Fog Lane, Manchester, M20 6EL, opening hours Monday to Saturday 10:30am to 5:30pm.

**The prices for items of uniform are as follows:**

* Blazer – 28”-29” – £25.99 30”-32” – £27.99 Larger sizes from £29.99
* Tie – £4.00
* Jumper – £12.99
* PE Sweat-shirt – £12.99
* PE polo shirt – - £8.99
* Track Suit Bottoms – £8.99
* PE shorts – £3.99

**Your child must arrive to school wearing the full school uniform daily:-**

**Blazer, White Shirt, Tie (must be worn at all times), Trousers or Skirt, Black socks, school shoes.**

**The uniform requirements of the Academy are below:**

* Green Blazer (with Cedar Mount logo)
* White collared shirt (not a polo shirt)
* Green V neck jumper (with Cedar Mount Logo)
* Tie
* Black tailored trousers/skirt (skirts must be no more than 10cm above the knee)
* Black shoes. **Not trainers**. Shoes should have a low heel
* School bag
* Black Socks
* Suitable waterproof outside coat, preferably black
* Any religious or cultural head coverings must be plain black or black with a green boarder

**PE Kit**

* Black polo shirt (with Cedar Mount Logo)
* Black Track Suit Bottoms
* Black shorts
* Suitable trainers (for PE only)

**Uniform Standards**

**Wearing uniform is a good indicator of students’ adherence to academy rules/regulations and a sense of pride in the academy.**

Trainers must only be worn in PE lessons.

Students must wear standard black school shoes. **No trainers or trainer type shoes**

All students’ trousers must be standard school issue. **No ski pants, leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans**

* No jewellery other than a watch and one small stud earring in each ear. Jewellery must not be worn in PE
* Hair colour should be natural
* No piercings other than small ear studs
* Headbands, if worn, should be plain black
* No excessive make up

**The following items must not be worn or brought into school:**

* Hooded sweatshirt-type tops and / or zip jackets
* Baseball caps or other headwear other than for religious observance
* Denim
* Any training shoes, other than those used in PE lessons

If students wear these or other items we consider to deviate from our uniform standards, they will be confiscated for the day. If students repeatedly choose to deviate from our uniform standards, the items may be confiscated for a longer period of time, possibly to the end of term.

The term dates for the next academic year are enclosed. Further details concerning key events for parents and carers will be sent out in September and published on the school website as is our usual practice. You can also follow the school on Twitter (@CedarMountHigh) for latest news and updates.

I hope the information contained with the letter is useful to you and once again I would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support and I wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours Faithfully



Mr P Mellen

Principal

Cedar Mount Academy