

21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As we have almost reached the end of term and the academic year, we wanted to write to you to highlight some of the fabulous student learning experiences that have taken place during the Summer Term, remind you of upcoming dates regarding the end of term/start of term arrangements, outline our expectations with regards student behaviour and safety, and provide you with an update on recent events.

Please support the academy by speaking to your child and sharing the contents of this letter with them.

#### Summer Term: SoLFest & Case Study Publication

It has been an incredibly busy Summer Term at Green Spring Academy Shoreditch over the last few months. Once again, the academy's annual Summer of Arts, Culture & Learning Festival (SoLFest) was a roaring success. Now in its eighth year, SoLFest was packed with an array of enrichment opportunities, quality events, trips and sporting fixtures which have provided exceptional student learning experiences. You will find highlights of some of the activities on the news section of the website: [www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/latest-news](http://www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/latest-news).

We have also published a series of case studies showcasing some of the successful practice that takes place at the academy and emerging new ideas. Entitled 'Reflections', we hope the publication reflects the academy's deep commitment to the teaching profession and the students we all serve. The publication will be available on the academy's website from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Please visit [www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/casestudies](http://www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/casestudies).

#### Student Trainer Day in aid of local charity

Year 9 students involved in the Girl Leading project have organised a fundraising event in aid of Freedom Charity, a local charity that supports victims of Forced Marriage, FGM and Dishonour in the family. Students who donate £1 towards the fundraiser can wear trainers with their full school uniform on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. We are incredibly proud of the students, who have worked hard to raise awareness of these important issues across the academy. For further information, please visit [www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/girl-leading-project](http://www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/girl-leading-project).

#### End of term/start of term arrangements

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| ▪ <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 12.00pm</b>      | End of Term                                 |
| ▪ <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 8.30am</b>   | Welcome to Year 7 Day (Year 7s onsite only) |
| ▪ <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 8.30am</b> | Years 7, 11 and 13 onsite                   |
| ▪ <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 8.30am</b>  | All year groups onsite                      |

#### Student expectations, behaviour and safety

Students are expected to wear the correct Green Spring Academy Shoreditch uniform both in the academy and on the way to and from the academy. Please help to maintain our high standards by ensuring that your child adheres to our strict policy which can be found in the student planner or on the academy's website (see link below). We look forward to seeing students wearing their uniforms with pride in September.

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The safety of our students in and outside the academy is our priority. Staff will continue to be on duty in and around the academy to support safe movement before, during and after school. Students are expected to make their way home directly in an appropriate manner, continuing to meet the academy's high expectations. We would also ask for your support in reminding your child to use the designated 'safer routes' to and from the academy. Students should not be taking short cuts through parks or estates and should stay on well lit, busy routes. Please refer to our Behaviour Policy on the academy website (see link below).

Policy information: [www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/school-policies](http://www.gsacademyshoreditch.org.uk/school-policies)

#### Cladding confirmation

Following the tragic events at Grenfell Tower in Kensington, the academy has been working with the Department for Education (DfE), and the contractor that completed the refurbishment and building works back in 2010, to establish if the academy building has any materials similar to that used in Grenfell Tower. We have been advised by the DfE that the cladding we have (for example, the white panels on the main entrance) is **not** made from the same material as that used on Grenfell Tower. The DfE has written to the academy to confirm that, at this point, we do not need to take any further action in relation to this matter.

#### Roof repairs/replacement works

You (or your child/ren) may have noticed that the academy has scaffolding in place at the side of the Victorian Block. We are pleased to advise you that the academy successfully bid for a government grant to repair the leaking roofs on the Victorian Block and 'The Street' (the communal atrium at the centre of the academy building). The work is scheduled to be completed by early October 2017.

#### Plans for 2017/18 and Update

The Trust Board has agreed to continue with the support plans currently in place and to work in a collaborative partnership with Mulberry Schools Trust to ensure that the academy continues to operate in ways which support the learning, achievement and well-being of all our students. The partnership will continue during the academic year 2017/2018 and we look forward to keeping you informed of exciting opportunities and innovative projects that are currently being developed.

We also want to thank you for your patience with regards to the independent investigation commissioned by the Trust Board into alleged misconduct with regard to specific examinations. It's in everyone's interest that we continue to be open as possible and keep you updated when we are able to do so. The investigation has now concluded and, to ensure the high professional standards we set ourselves are met at all times, the Trust Board has taken the required steps to address any wrongdoing, details of which cannot be discussed for reasons of confidentiality.

If you have any questions or concerns we would be happy to discuss these with you. Please contact us at the academy on 020 7920 7900 to arrange a telephone call or an appointment.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and commitment to the academy. On behalf of all the staff we wish you and all your family a very happy, restful and safe summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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