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Tuesday 13th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you at the start of a new term and would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents especially those new to the school. Our new year 7 intake is full with 330 new entrants with a waiting list of almost 20 children and I never take for granted the trust that you have placed in us to provide your child's secondary education. As a staff we are committed to offering every child at Phoenix an education that meets their individual needs and is second to none.

May I remind you that the school website hosts a wealth of information and is worth setting as your home page to help remain in touch. You can find us at www.aspirebelievesucceed.com. School and staff contact details can be found here, as well as important announcements and lots of 'latest news' – check out the summer edition of the newsletter! If you think that we have overlooked any particular information on the website, please let us know.

If you have driven past the school site recently you can't help but notice the building activity that has been underway for just over a year now. Carillion are working hard to ensure that we have the most amazing facilities for our students. Watch out for more news and pictures of the build on our website as the year unfolds. The big move into our state of the art school is just 25 short school weeks away.

Hopefully you will have received the details of term dates etc. for the new academic year, however I would like to remind you that as part of our drive to become an outstanding school, we will be closing the school to students on two more occasions this academic year, to allow for staff training.

We will also be closing at the end of period 4 (1.15pm) on **Tuesday 20th September** to allow staff to prepare for the Year 6 Open Evening. Grab bags will be made available to students eligible for free school meals before they leave on that day.

I have taken the opportunity to provide you with full details of our term dates for this academic year on the reverse of this letter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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Phoenix Collegiate term dates and holidays 2016/17

Autumn term 2016

- Inset day: Monday 5 September 2016 (*school closed to students*)
- **Term starts:** Tuesday 6 September 2016
- Half term holiday: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2016
- Inset day: Friday 25 November 2016 (*school closed to students*)
- **Term ends:** Friday 16 December 2016
- Christmas holiday: Monday 19 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017

Spring term 2017

- Inset day: Tuesday 3 January 2017 (*school closed to students*)
- **Term starts:** Wednesday 4 January 2017
- Half term holiday: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2017
- **Term ends:** Friday 7 April 2017
- Easter holiday: Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April 2017

Summer term 2017

- **Term starts:** Monday 24 April 2017
- Bank holiday: Monday 1 May 2017 – school closed
- Half term holiday: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017
- **Term ends:** Friday 21 July 2017
- Summer holiday: From Monday 24 July 2017