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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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 significantly higher this year than last year with over 300 new entrants 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 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 you home page to help remain in touch. You can find us at [www.aspirebelievesucceed.com](http://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 July 2015 edition of the newsletter! If you think that we have overlooked any particular information on the website, please let us know. Due to staffing changes we will not be using Facebook or twitter this year, but will continue to post new videos on YouTube as they become available.

If you have driven past the school site recently you can't help but notice the building activity that has now started. Carillion have provided us with a number of new classrooms and a new sports hall to allow them to demolish old buildings to make way for our fantastic new school. Watch out for more new and pictures of the build on our website as the year unfolds. The big move into our state of the art school is just 5 short terms 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 opening later to students at 10.05am on four dates in the year, to allow for staff training; the first occasion being **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**. We will also be closing at the end of period 4 (1.15pm) on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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,



Gary Hill  
Head Teacher

## Phoenix Collegiate term dates and holidays 2015/16

### AUTUMN TERM 2015

- **Term starts: Monday 7 September**  
Late start for pupils due to staff training (pupils to start at 10.05am): Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
  
Early finish for pupils due to Year 6 Open evening: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 (pupils to finish at 1.15pm)  
  
Training days – school closed to pupils: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- **Half term Holiday:** Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October  
Late start for pupils due to staff training (pupils to start at 10.05am): Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
  
Training days – school closed to pupils: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- **Term ends: Friday 18 December**
- **Christmas holiday:** Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January 2016

### SPRING TERM 2016

- **Term starts: Tuesday 5 January**  
Training days – school closed to pupils: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Late start for pupils due to staff training (pupils to start at 10.05am): Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016
- **Half term Holiday:** Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February  
Late start for pupils due to staff training (pupils to start at 10.05am): Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- **Term ends: Thursday 24 March**
- **Easter holiday:** Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April

### SUMMER TERM 2016

- **Term starts: Monday 11 April**
- **Bank holiday: Monday 2 May – school closed**
- **Half term holiday:** Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
- **Term ends: Friday 22 July**
- **Main summer holiday:** From Monday 25 July