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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are well.

As you are aware this week has seen some extremely high temperatures, for which we have put in place measures to mitigate.

We have also been tracking the forecasts and weather warnings issued. The latest forecast shows that from 12pm tomorrow (Friday 26th June), temperatures are set to rise to over 35°C, with possible highs of 38°C. Given these forecasts we have taken the difficult decision to shut the Academy to students from 12pm tomorrow.

We fully appreciate that this may cause some issues for you but hope you will understand our need to do what we can to keep young people safe in this extreme weather.

Staff will remain on site until the end of the day, so if there is a specific issue with your child leaving at 12pm, please contact the Academy and we will make arrangements for them to be suitably supervised in an appropriate space until 3pm.

Students eligible for free school meals will be able to use their allowance at breaktime to buy either hot food, or sandwiches to take home.

Students in KS3 can use the additional time to go through revision quizzes on Carousel to help improve their knowledge recall. Year 10 students can use the time to conduct any final research on their work experience placements and ensure they are fully prepared for Monday when their placements begin.

This early closure will not affect the trip to see Harry Potter tomorrow. We have carried out a risk assessment for the trip, and given the air-conditioned coach and theatre, have concluded that the trip can go ahead as planned.

Apologies for the short notice, however with forecasts changing throughout the week we had hoped this was a measure we would not have to put into place, due to its impact on student learning and the potential inconvenience for parents.

Kind regards,
J. Daniels