



## **ACTON HIGH SCHOOL** & CENTRE FOR MEDIA ARTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

July 2010

As the end of term approaches I wanted to thank you for all your support this year. As usual things have been very busy at Action High School and the year has been a particularly challenging one with the start of the Spring term affected by severe weather and the beginning of the Summer term by the disruption caused by volcanic ash. Despite us having to run shortened days I am pleased to say that we managed to get through both events without completely closing the school.

We have had many successes this year, the highlight of which was the overall 'Good' judgement in our October OFSTED report. Underpinning this is an improvement in teaching at Acton with 80% of our teaching judged to be good or better, a more consistent approach to managing behaviour through the switch to our SIMs behaviour logging system, improved attendance as well as many individual triumphs for students- several of which are celebrated in the end of term newsletter. We were particularly pleased with the way that Year 11 approached their examinations and are eagerly awaiting the August results.

We break up on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at lunchtime** and students will be dismissed between 12.15 and 12.30. Tomorrow is Sports Day and families are welcome to join us at Perivale Athletics Track in Greenford between 10.00 and 2.30. Thursday is Activities Day and students are taking part in a range of events from paintballing, trips to Thorpe Park and central London or are staying on site for art, craft and cookery workshops.

Term starts for all our current students on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. Students should be on site in full school uniform at the usual time of 8.35 ready to move to registration at 8.45. Lesson timings for the week will run as usual, though we will finish five minutes earlier as we have got rid of the late bell after lunch as this is a relic of the time before electronic registration when we had a 5 min afternoon registration period. If you have students starting Year 7 the return date for them is **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.30**. We will send a reminder letter to all new Year 7s during the Summer holidays. Details about the start of term will be posted on our website.

I hope that the good weather holds and that you and your family will have an enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,

Mandy Golding  
**Headteacher**