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Dear Parents / Carers

The Vale Academy New Build

We are delighted to inform you we have received confirmation that we will be moving in to our new school ready to start the spring term in January 2017.

In order to allow sufficient time for the removal process, we have been granted three additional school closure days for students. We will also use two teacher training days as part of the process. This means that the academy will close for students on **Tuesday 13th December 2016** and our new school will open on **Thursday 5th January 2017**.

For your information, the days have been allocated as follows:

- Wednesday 14th December 2016 and Thursday 15th December 2016 – additional closure days for students
- Friday 16th December 2016 – staff training day
- Tuesday 3rd January 2017 – staff training day
- Wednesday 4th January 2017 – additional closure day for students

Please be assured that our priority is to ensure a smooth transition to our new school and keep disruption to students' learning to a minimum. We will also ensure that students catch up with any work missed owing to the three additional closure days.

The new build presents an exciting opportunity for The Vale; we will have state of the art facilities which will enable us to enhance students' learning experiences further still and we are all looking forward to starting 2017 in our new school.

The term dates for 2016 – 2017 are enclosed for your information. Please accept our apologies for the lateness of these dates but, as we are sure you will appreciate, they are affected by our new school opening.

We will continue to keep all parents/carers fully informed regarding our forthcoming move.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Nicola Williams
Principal



Steve Hodsmen
Chair of EAB

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TERM DATES

September 2016 – July 2017

| OPEN | CLOSE | NUMBER OF DAYS |
|--|---|-----------------|
| 2016 Tuesday 6 th September | 2016 Friday 21 st October | 34 days |
| Monday, 31 st October | Tuesday 13 th December | 32 days |
| | Wednesday 14 th December and Thursday 15 th December additional closure days | |
| 2017 | 2017 Tuesday 3 rd January additional closure day | |
| Thursday 5 th January | Thursday 16 th February | 31 days |
| Monday, 27 th February | Friday 7 th April | 30 days |
| | GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY, 14 th APRIL 2017 | |
| | EASTER MONDAY MONDAY, 17 th APRIL 2017 | |
| Monday 24 th April | Friday, 26 th May | 24 days |
| | BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 1 st MAY 2017 | |
| Monday, 5 th June | Monday 24 th July | 36 days |
| TOTAL DAYS | | 187 days |

Staff Training Days

Monday 5th September 2016
 Friday 16th December 2016
 Wednesday 4th January 2017
 Friday 17th February 2017
 Tuesday 25th July 2017