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Dear Parent/Carer,

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I do hope you and your families are well. It has been an excellent start to the academic year and a joy to have students back or into the St Mark's community. This letter outlines Open Evening arrangements on Thursday 15th September and communicates the changes to the school day it will bring.

We are delighted to be able to welcome prospective Year 7 families into the Academy on Thursday 15th September from 5pm-8pm. This will be an opportunity to showcase our community of transformation founded on Love, Hope and Trust. Pupil numbers have increased from 125 students Year 7 admissions in 2020, to 176 this year. I am sure you will join me in celebrating the fact that so many families name St Mark's as their school of choice.

To allow staff to prepare for this event, all students will be dismissed at 1:40pm on Thursday 15th September and will be able to make their way home. Students in ALL YEARS will be expected to come to school at 10:25am on Friday 16th September. They should line up in their usual designated area and wait to be collected by their coach. From here, students will have 10 minutes in Coaching Time and be dismissed to break (Years 7-9) or Period 3 (Years 10-13/SMART) at 10:40am. Any student who arrives after 10:28am will be considered late and will receive a sanction.

Some students have been asked to carry out tours or represent a particular department on the night. If your child has been selected, you will be given a consent form to sign granting permission for them to do so. Students should be collected at the end of the Open Evening by a family member.

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period of time for reflection in response to the death of the Head of the Church of England who gave her life to serve in a role she was called to do. The official date of the State Funeral is 19 September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and school settings across the country, including St Mark's Academy, will close on this day as a mark of respect. Please can I kindly ask that you do not send your child to school on this day.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I wish you and your families all the best and keep you in my prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Fahey
Principal

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