

21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## End of Year Letter 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another successful academic year at TEMA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a year filled with progress, achievement, and community spirit, and none of it would have been possible without the dedication of our students, families, and staff.

We are incredibly proud of the journey our academy continues to take. We've had much to celebrate this year, not least the fantastic outcome of our Ofsted inspection in February, where the academy was officially recognised for the progress we've made. This was a major milestone for our school and a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our entire community. Alongside this, we've continued to grow stronger as a school, with students, staff, and families working together to create a positive and ambitious learning environment. I remain incredibly proud to lead such a committed and caring school community, and I'm excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

## Summer Term Successes

This summer term has been filled with memorable moments and outstanding achievements across all areas of school life. Our students have proudly represented the academy in a variety of events, both locally and beyond, including the vibrant Manchester Week parade, an energetic Sports Day, and the ever-popular Blackpool trip. Our performing arts students also enjoyed a trip to London to see Hamilton—with the exciting bonus of meeting some of the cast backstage!

Academically, students have shown strong commitment to their learning, particularly during end-of-year assessments, and we are confident their results will reflect this dedication. We are also incredibly proud of how students have embodied our REACH values, with thousands of points awarded in recognition of their efforts. We also celebrated the end of an era for our Year 11 students with a fantastic Prom and a heartfelt farewell. The term concluded with our annual Presentation Evening, a wonderful event that recognised the achievements of students from across the school and celebrated their hard work and progress.

## Sporting Highlights

This year has been packed with sporting success across the school. The Year 9 Boys Football Team won their league and earned promotion to Division 1, while the Year 7 Girls Netball Team also topped their league. Four students—Troie, Adedayo, David and Kofi were signed by professional academies including Leeds United, Liverpool FC, Everton FC, and Stockport County. Sophia achieved a silver medal at the BJJ British Open Championships, competing two age brackets above her own, and TEMA reached the semi-finals of the Manchester Padel Tournament, narrowly missing out to the eventual winners.

## Ofsted Result Celebration

We're thrilled to share our brand-new Ofsted Celebration Campaign video, created in recognition of the outstanding Ofsted results published in May earlier this year. This special video features heartfelt reflections from both staff and students as we celebrate this remarkable achievement together. Take a moment to watch and join us in marking this proud milestone for our school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2cyDqtEYXM>.

## Reading and Revision

As you know, reading is fundamental to the success of our young people. We know that our students have worked hard and they do deserve a break but over the holiday, please encourage them to complete some focused reading activity and revision so that they can further develop their vocabulary and knowledge. Every student should have their half termly home learning booklets (completed and self-assessed) and their termly knowledge organiser. Ms Cooper has also uploaded recommended reading for them onto Google Classroom.

Below is a link to connect to your child's Seneca account. This is a fantastic revision app – see how much revision your child has done already and what they have been learning about!

<https://help.senecalearning.com/en/articles/3990859-how-to-connect-my-parent-account-to-my-child-s-account>

Here is also the link to our website where you will find advice and guidance on how to support your child with their reading, and some ideas on what they might read next:

<https://www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk/reading/reading-for-pleasure>

At TEMA, we know that reading helps us to develop our vocabulary, knowledge and empathy. Your child can access a local library to find something to read, they can speak to Miss Neukom before they leave for the summer break or they can access The Day online to read what is happening in the news across the world.

## Holiday Active- Summer Dates

TEMA will be open over the holidays for our Holiday Active programme. Students can get involved in a variety of sports and enrichment activities free of charge. Lunch will be provided. Students may bring younger siblings over the age of 9 with them. Holiday Active will run from 10:00am - 2:00pm on the dates below:

- Monday 4th - Thu 7th Aug
- Monday 11th - Thu 14th Aug
- Monday 18th - Wed 20th Aug

## September Start Dates

- Students in Years 7 and 11 will return on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 8.25am**
- Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 will return on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.25am**

## Key dates for the start of term

- Open Evening - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- Future Focus Evening - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Attendance Clinic 1 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

## School Transport

The school's website contains lots of important information including the school bus timetable, details on the Igo card application process and active travel support for schools. To stay up to date, take a look at our travel page on the website: <https://www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk/parents/bus-services> over summer.

## Uniform and Equipment

Please see our website <https://www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk/parents/academy-uniform> for the most up to date information on the Academy's uniform policy and uniform suppliers to purchase new schoolwear.

## Staying safe over the holidays

We are committed to keeping students safe over the holiday period. Members of the Safeguarding Team will be working reduced hours over the summer holidays should any families need to contact the school regarding safeguarding and welfare issues.

The academy will be closed to students from **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, reopening on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. During this time, we encourage families to make use of the support and resources available on the Safeguarding section of our website:  
<https://www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk/about/safeguarding>.

Our website also offers *Thoughts and Worries*, an anonymous and confidential service where students, families, and the community can report concerns such as bullying, anti-social behaviour, or other safety issues. You can access this service here:  
<https://www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk/general/thoughts-and-worries>

## Out of Hours Support

For additional support during the holidays, the following services are available:

- NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>
- MIND <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines/>
- Samaritans <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>

As we wrap up the academic year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support—it truly makes a difference. I hope you and your family enjoy a well-deserved, relaxing summer break. We're excited to welcome students back in September, refreshed and ready for another year of growth, achievement, and opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Jackie Bowen  
Headteacher