



The Charter School

Headteacher: C Hicks MA

19th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Consultation on Term Dates for Academic Year 2019-20 at The Charter School

We write to you further to our letter dated 18th June 2018 regarding our consultation about possible changes to our academic year as from 2019-20. Thank you to those of you who took the time to respond either through the survey or through email, and also to those parents who attended the consultation event Thursday 5th July (with the PowerPoint presentation being shared on the school website).

The results of the survey were as follows:

Question	Yes	No
1. Do you support the school's proposal to extend the Autumn half term October 2019 from 1 week to 2 weeks and to start school in the Autumn term 2019 2 days earlier? (The school will continue to be open to students for 190 days as it is now, and the other 3 days will be 'made up' during the course of the academic year.)	87	46
2. Do you support the school's proposal to extend the Autumn half term October 2019 from 1 week to 2 weeks but have a different solution for how the school ensures those 5 days of education still take place in the academic year?	30	90

As you can see, the majority of respondents support the school's proposal. We have also reviewed the free comments on the survey and the emails to the Headteacher email address, and, overall, they roughly mirror the above results, although we will provide a fuller summary of the comments and questions in those responses after the summer break.

In light of the above, we have decided to alter the term dates for 2019-20. This means that:

- Autumn Term 2019 will start for staff Thursday 29th August and for students Monday 2nd September (29th and 30th August will be Inset Days).
- The Autumn half term will run from Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019. School will start again for students Monday 4th November and the end of term will be Friday 20th December*.
- Spring Term 2020 will run Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April* with half term Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
- Summer Term 2020 will run from Monday 20th April with half term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May*. Unfortunately, we are not yet able to confirm the end of the summer term 2020 due to a lack of information from Southwark.

* Note that unfortunately Southwark have still not confirmed their term dates for 2019-20 so these dates are still provisional.

Please note that this does not affect our term dates for 2018-19, which you can find on our website. Please also note that, as stated in our previous letter, we aim to keep the standard 190 days of teaching for students

in the academic year in addition to the 5 standard INSET Days. The 5 days that are 'lost' due to the 2-week Autumn half term will be made up as follows:

- 2 days gained at the start of Autumn term (as outlined above)
- 1 day gained from the November/ December 'Inset' Day
- 1 day gained from Good Friday/ Easter Monday falling within the Easter holiday
- 1-2 days gained as an Inset Day at the end of the summer term.

Thank you once again to those of you who took part in this consultation. We believe strongly in parent and staff voice, and, as outlined above, we will provide a fuller response to the consultation in September, with answers to some of the questions raised, but we wanted to write to you before the summer holiday in case you wanted to make advanced plans for August/ September 2019.

Yours faithfully



Christian Hicks
Headteacher



Elizabeth Brown
Chair of Governors