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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you today to inform you of a change to our Academy calendar. This change has not been made without considerable debate or the weighing of options and concerns.

As a member of the Rodillian Multi-Academy Trust, **BBG Academy will be closed to students on Tuesday 3 January 2023.**

As I said above, this decision was not made lightly – we would never choose to close our doors to students without a very, very good reason.

The past two (nearly three!) years have seen an unprecedented disruption to education. This disruption does not extend just to students, but to colleagues as well. As we are now moving forward in a post-pandemic world, we need to work as a staff body to ensure all strategies we employ in the classroom are used to maximise student progress. We want to ensure that we are always doing what is best for students' needs, and in order to do that, we need to have time for staff to work and learn together.

Usually, we will alert parents 18 months in advance to any changes to the calendar. I hope you understand that this change – late as it is – has been granted by the Trustees so that we can address that specific need.

Colleagues will, on Tuesday 3 January, be working collaboratively across the Trust with other departments and in their subjects to create strategies that can be sustained and expanded to support students throughout their school life. It is not another 'day off', but an essential part of the continuing professional development we pride ourselves on, so that our staff can continue to be the very best professionals that they are.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Saira Luffman
Principal