

21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Re: Early Dismissal Arrangements – Aston Villa Parade**

I am writing to inform you of a temporary change to the academy's finish time today following this morning's announcement that an Aston Villa parade will take place in Birmingham city centre. The parade is expected to begin at approximately 4:30pm, and significant disruption across the city is anticipated due to increased footfall, road closures, congestion, and pressure on public transport.

As an academy, we take the travel arrangements, safety, welfare, and health and safety of all students and staff extremely seriously. After carefully considering the likely disruption later this afternoon, we have made the decision to operate a soft dismissal after lunch, with the aim of having all students safely off site by approximately 2:15pm.

Students will therefore be dismissed from school at approximately 2:15pm and will be expected to make their way home safely and directly, unless alternative arrangements have been made by parents/carers.

If your child is unable to leave school at 2:15pm, please inform the academy as soon as possible via the general enquiries email, [info@boa-digital.co.uk](mailto:info@boa-digital.co.uk), or by calling 0121 359 9400. We will then ensure that arrangements are in place for them to remain safely on site until the normal end of the school day. However, we ask that this is only requested in exceptional circumstances where no suitable alternative arrangement can be made.

This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made in the interests of student and staff safety. We appreciate your understanding and support with this temporary adjustment to the school day.

**Yours sincerely,**

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