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Dear Parents/Carers

Summer Closure / Important Dates and Information

I would like to inform you that the summer term will end at **12:05pm on Friday 18th July**. The canteen will be open for any students wishing to take lunch prior to leaving, however please note that all students must be off the Academy site by 12:30pm.

The new academic year will commence for students as below:

- Wednesday 03 September Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 students **only**
- Thursday 04 September **ALL** students

Please ensure your child arrives for a prompt start to the day at 8:20am. Full times of the day, term dates and INSET days are outlined overleaf for your convenience, along with uniform, basic equipment, and mobile phone information.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support for our academy over the past year, and to wish you all a pleasant and restful summer break.

With best wishes

Noel Kennedy
Principal



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn 2025

Academy opens to staff only INSET Days	Monday 01 September & Tuesday 02 September
Academy opens to students in Years 7, 10 & 11 only	Wednesday 03 September
Academy open to students in all Year Groups	Thursday 04 September
Academy closes	Friday 24 October
Half Term	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October
Academy opens	Monday 03 November
Academy closes	Friday 19 December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 December to Friday 02 January

Spring 2026

Academy open to staff only INSET Day	Monday 05 January
Academy opens to students	Tuesday 06 January
Academy closes	Friday 13 February
Half Term	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February
Academy opens	Monday 23 February
Academy closes to students	Thursday 26 March
Academy open to staff only INSET DAY	Friday 27 March <i>*Subject to change – TBC</i>
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April

Summer 2026

Academy opens	Monday 13 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 04 May
Academy closes	Friday 22 May
Half Term	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Academy opens	Monday 01 June
Academy closes to students	Friday 17 July
Summer Holiday	Monday 20 July to Friday 28 August

INSET Days

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 27th March 2026 (**subject to change – TBC*)
- Monday 20th July 2026



Times of the Day

Time	Activity/Period
08:20am	Warning Bell/Whistle
08:25am	Roll Call
8:30am - 8.50am	Tutor Time
8:50am - 9:50am	Period 1
9:50am - 10:50am	Period 2
10:50am – 11:05am	Break
11:05am – 12:05pm	Period 3
12:05pm – 1:05pm	Period 4
1:05pm – 1:45pm	Lunch
1:40pm	Roll Call
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Period 5

General Information

Uniform and PE Uniform

Students are required to wear full academy uniform at all times, including blazers.

- Purple blazer with school badge
- A plain white shirt with stiff collar and a top button
- School tie
- Grey, plain, **(non-branded)** V-neck school jumper **(optional)**
- Grey school trousers **(not leggings, tight fitted trousers or jeans)**
- Grey 'A' line school skirt – knee length **(tight fitted skirts are not acceptable)**
- Religious headwear such as turbans, hijabs, niqabs etc may be worn. The colour selected should resemble the school colours, grey, purple or white **(scarves with tassels and embroidery are not acceptable)**
- Plain black or grey tights or socks **(socks must be below the knee)**
- Plain black leather/leather looking flat shoes **(not platforms, boots, trainers, or any sports/fashion branded footwear. Canvas shoes or pumps are not allowed)**
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times
- Hooded tops and fashion jumpers are not permitted

PE

- Academy PE polo shirt (optional but preferable) or black t-shirt, black sports leggings, track pants or shorts (without large prints and logos)

Uniform Suppliers

Clive Mark Schoolwear 13-14 Lancaster Building Newcastle under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1PG Tel: 01782 980676	Smart Uniform Shop Hassell Street Newcastle under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1AR Tel: 01782 713650	National Schoolwear Centre 99/101 Stafford Street Hanley Stoke-on-Trent ST1 1LS Tel: 01782 272991
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High street stores and supermarkets will also sell several of our academy uniform items including white shirts, V-neck jumpers, trousers, skirts and shoes. Please ensure you fully understand our uniform policy before purchasing any items and contact the Academy if you are unsure.



Jewellery, Hairstyles and Make Up

Any jewellery worn is considered non-essential and must be removeable. All jewellery worn is the sole responsibility of the student.

- Small metal or diamanté studs may be worn in the ears
- A plain metal, removable nose stud can be worn. **(No other facial piercings are permitted)**
- Students are required to attend school with an appropriate hairstyle that cannot be considered extreme; this is at the discretion of the Principal.
- Makeup should be natural and minimalistic.
- Extended false nails are not permitted due to health and safety concerns.

Basic Equipment

Students need to be prepared for learning by attending the Academy with the correct basic equipment. This ensures that lessons can begin swiftly and without delay. As such, students are required to bring the following equipment:

- A school bag that can hold several A4 books **(small side bags are not allowed)**
- A pencil case
- Black or blue ballpoint pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- A reading book, in line with their current reading level

It is compulsory that each student always has their basic equipment with them.

Mobile Phones/Ear Buds

The use of mobile phones and ear buds by students is strictly prohibited at the Academy and as such, students are not permitted to use mobile phones and ear buds during the academy day. Any mobile phones brought onto the Academy premises are done so at the student's own risk and the Academy will not accept responsibility or liability for loss of, or damage to the items when brought onto the site. Mobile phones should be switched off and out of sight at all times. Any student seen with or seen using a mobile phone or ear buds whilst on the Academy premises will have the items confiscated and can be collected at the end of the school day.

Any student who urgently requires the use of a phone during the Academy Day, will be allowed to use the Academy phone, dependent upon the circumstances. Likewise, should you need to contact your child in an emergency, please use the Academy main contact number 01782 883500.