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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Half Term, News and Information**

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive half term, I write to remind you that the **Academy will close at 2:45pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** for the half term holiday. **The Academy will reopen to students on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.** Students should arrive at 8:20am promptly, in good time for Roll Call at 8:25am, in full academy uniform and with the basic equipment to aid learning. This ensures that the day starts positively and supports the continued hard work and commitment that we see from our students every day.

#### **Year 11 and Year 10 Information**

As you may be aware, the final **Year 11 GCSE examinations** are now underway, and we are sure you will join us in wishing all our students the very best of luck as they take on this important stage in their academic journey. They have shown great dedication, resilience, and hard work throughout their studies, and should feel proud of everything they have achieved so far. This hard work and commitment will undoubtedly pay off when they receive their results in August.

**Work experience placements will take place for Year 10 students** during the **week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.** Work experience is a valuable opportunity for students to develop practical skills, build confidence, and gain insight into the world of work. It helps them understand employer expectations and explore potential career paths. We wish our Year 10 students the very best of luck for their upcoming work placements. Please note that **all students who have not secured a placement are officially expected to be in school following their normal full timetable.** If you require any further information regarding work experience, please contact Mrs Rogers at the Academy.

May I take this opportunity to say how overwhelmingly proud I am of the hard work and maturity of both year groups and wish each and every student every success with whichever direction their examination results or workplace experiences take them in the future. Well done to them all!



## Year 6 Transition

Preparations are in place to ensure a smooth and supportive transition from primary to secondary school for current Year 6 students. **Our Transition Days will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, and will serve to give students a chance to explore the Academy, meet their new teachers, and start building friendships. We also warmly invite all parents/carers of Year 6 students to our Transition Evening on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more about life at the Academy, ask questions, and receive important updates. We encourage your attendance at this event, even if you already have children enrolled with us at the Academy, as it will include important information sharing, and there may have been updates since your last visit. Further details regarding our Transition Days and Evening will be shared with parents/carers very soon.

## Reminders

As we enter the final half term of the academic year, please take a moment to review the important reminders overleaf to ensure that basic expectations continue to be met. You will also find details of key dates for the remainder of the year, helping everyone stay informed and prepared during these busy and important final few weeks before the summer break.

As always, thank you for your continued support for Thistley Hough Academy.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Lawrence".

Michelle Lawrence  
Principal



## Remaining Term Dates

### Summer 2026

<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May</b>
Academy opens	Monday 01 June
Academy closes to students	Friday 17 July
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 20 July to Friday 28 August</b>

### Remaining INSET Dates

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Times of the Day

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

- Black T-Shirt with Academy logo
- Black Quarter Zip top with Academy logo
- Black shorts or skort
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black leggings
- Socks
- Trainers

All students can continue to wear the old-style PE kit with the Academy logo until the new kit is required.

## 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.

## 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.

## Energy Drinks

We would like to remind all students and parents/carers that **energy drinks** of any variety or brand are **not permitted on the Academy site or premises**. Any energy drinks brought into school will be confiscated.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students.