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Dear Parents/Carers

Summer Closure / Important Dates and Information

As we come to the close of another successful academic year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Your commitment to your children's education and your ongoing involvement in school life have been invaluable in helping us provide the very best opportunities for all pupils.

This year has been filled with many achievements and memorable experiences, and we are immensely proud of all that our pupils have accomplished. These successes have been made possible through the strong and positive relationships between home and school, for which we are deeply thankful.

This final busy summer term will end at 12:05pm on Friday 17th 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 Academy will reopen to all year groups following the summer break on Thursday 3rd September 2026. 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 a reminder of the new information regarding mobile phones.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for your trust, encouragement and support throughout the year. I wish you and your families a happy, restful and enjoyable summer break

With best wishes

Michelle Lawrence
Principal



Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn 2026

Academy opens to staff only INSET Days	Tuesday 01 September & Wednesday 02 September
Academy open to students in all Year Groups	Thursday 03 September
Academy closes	Friday 23 October
Half Term	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
Academy opens	Monday 02 November
Academy closes	Friday 18 December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 December to Friday 01 January

Spring 2027

Academy open to staff only INSET Day	Monday 04 January
Academy opens to students	Tuesday 05 January
Academy closes	Friday 12 February
Half Term	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
Academy opens	Monday 22 February
Academy open to staff only INSET Day	Tuesday 09 March
Academy closes to students	Thursday 25 March
Easter Holiday	Friday 26 March to Friday 09 April

Summer 2027

Academy open to staff only INSET Day	Monday 12 April
Academy opens to students	Tuesday 13 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 03 May
Academy closes	Friday 28 May
Half Term	Monday 31 May to Friday 04 June
Academy opens	Monday 07 June
Academy closes to students	Wednesday 21 July
Summer Holiday	Thursday 22 July to Wednesday 01 September

INSET Days – Academy closed to students:

- Tuesday 01 September 2026
- Wednesday 02 September 2026
- Monday 04 January 2027
- Tuesday 09 March 2027
- Monday 12 April 2027



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 tailored shorts (in the summer term)
- Grey 'A' line school skirt – knee length **(tight fitted or rolled up 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 (cycling shorts are not permitted)
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black leggings
- Socks
- Trainers



Uniform Suppliers

Clive Mark Schoolwear 13-14 Lancaster Building Newcastle under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1PG Tel: 01782 980676	Smart School Uniform Hassell Street Newcastle under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1AR Tel: 01782 713650	National Schoolwear Centre 97/101 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 removable. 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
- *HuSH* Phone Pouch (this will be provided in September)

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



Mobile Phones/Ear Buds

All parents and carers were recently informed that from September 2026, Thistley Hough Academy will be introducing the **huSH mobile phone pouch system** for all students who bring a mobile phone or digital device to school. Devices, including AirPods and headphones, will be secured in a locked pouch on arrival and remain inaccessible throughout the school day, while still staying in the student's possession. Students will unlock their pouches at the end of the school day before leaving site. This change supports our existing "*phones out of sight*" expectations while providing a consistent and effective way to minimise distractions and promote positive learning behaviours.

The decision was made following consultation with students, parents, staff and external experts, and is designed to enhance students' learning, wellbeing and safety. Research and government guidance highlight the benefits of limiting mobile phone access during the school day, including improved focus, reduced anxiety and lower risk of cyberbullying or misuse of technology. Further information, including FAQs, has been shared with families, and support arrangements will remain in place for students who require access to devices for medical reasons

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 and Chewing Gum

Please be reminded that **energy drinks of any brand or variety are not permitted on the Academy site**. Any energy drinks brought into school will be confiscated.

In addition, **chewing gum is not allowed on the school premises**. Gum can cause damage to school property and create hygiene issues when not disposed of correctly. Any chewing gum brought into school will also be confiscated.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, clean and respectful learning environment for all, and for your commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students.