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Dear Parent/Carer

### Half Term / News and Information

I write to remind you that the **Academy will close at 2:45pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** for the half term holiday. **The Academy will reopen to students on Monday 6<sup>th</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.

Further to my correspondence of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, you will be aware that we will be starting a 5-period day following half term. We have spent significant time on staff training for maximising 60-minute lessons, and we are fully confident that the move will benefit students' academic outcomes and well-being. The start and end times of the school day will remain the same, however an outline of the full times of the day are included overleaf, along with a reminder of the remaining Summer Term dates.

As you may be aware, final Year 11 GCSE Examinations are well underway, and work experience placements have started for our Year 10 students. I am overwhelmingly proud of the hard work and maturity of both year groups and wish each and every student huge success with whichever direction their examination results or workplace experiences take them in the future. Well done to them all!

At the end of the Spring Term, we said goodbye and good luck to Mr Brailsford (Vice Principal), who had been at the Academy for nearly 11 years. Whilst he has been very much missed by students and colleagues, I am now excited to announce that Mrs Lorraine Mawson will be joining the Academy as Vice Principal following the half term break. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Mawson to Thistley Hough.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for welcoming me to Thistley Hough Academy as the Interim Principal. It is an absolute honour to be part of the Thistley Hough community and to work alongside the young people of Stoke-on-Trent. I am excited to be involved in a number of upcoming positive changes within the Academy, and very much look forward to meeting more parents/carers and members of the local community in the near future. Miss Hicks, Assistant Principal for Culture & Community, has been collaborating with our community members, local primary schools, and parents/carers to ensure strong links are in place for us to work together, and we will be looking to strengthen those links further.

With best wishes for a pleasant half term.

Mr Noel Kennedy  
Interim Principal



### Times of the Day (5 Periods – commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022)

Time	Activity/Period
08:20am	Warning Bell/Whistle
08:25am	Roll Call
8:30am - 8.50am	Tutor/Form 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

### Remaining Summer Term Dates

Date	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Academy closes at <b>2:45pm</b> for Half Term break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Academy reopens for all students
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Academy closed (1 Day)</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Final day of the Summer Term