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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Closure / Important Dates and Information

I would like to inform you that the autumn term will end at **2:45pm on Friday 16th December 2022** and will reopen to students on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that should you have any difficulty with the purchasing of uniform and basic equipment, please contact Mrs Whitfield at the Academy where confidential conversations can take place, and support can be offered in this regard.

Please note that we have been informed by Stoke-on-Trent City Council that our academy premises will be used as a Polling Station for the local government elections on Thursday 4th May 2023. Unfortunately, this means that the Academy will be closed in part on this date to accommodate this. We will inform you in good time which year groups this partial closure will affect, and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support for our academy, and to wish you all a pleasant and restful Christmas break.

Thank you for your continued support for Thistley Hough Academy.

With best wishes

Noel Kennedy
Interim Principal



Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022	Dates
Academy closes	Friday 16 December
Christmas Holiday - students	Monday 19 December – Tuesday 03 January inc.
Christmas Holiday - staff	Monday 19 December – Monday 02 January inc.

Spring Term 2023	Dates
Academy opens to staff only	Tuesday 03 January
Academy opens to students	Wednesday 04 January
Academy closes	Friday 17 February
Half term	Monday 20 February - Friday 24 February inc.
Academy opens	Monday 27 February
Academy closes	Friday 31 March
Easter Holiday	Monday 03 April - Friday 14 April inc.

Summer Term 2023	Dates
Academy opens	Monday 17 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 01 May
*Partial closure for Polling	Thursday 04 May
Academy closes	Friday 26 May
Half term	Monday 29 May – Friday 02 June
Academy opens	Monday 05 June
Academy closes to students	Friday 21 July
Summer Holiday	Monday 24 July – Friday 01 September

REMAINING INSET DAYS – Academy open to staff only

- Tuesday 03 January 2023
- Monday 24 July 2023
- Tuesday 25 July 2023

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



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)**
- Students are required to attend school with an appropriate hairstyle that cannot be considered extreme; this is at the discretion of the Interim Principal and the Associate Principal
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times
- Hooded tops and fashion jumpers are not permitted
- Makeup should be natural and minimalistic
- Extended false nails are not permitted due to health and safety concerns

Jewellery

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)**

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 clear 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.