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Dear Parent/Carer

February Half Term / Important Dates and Information

I write to remind you that the half term holiday will commence on Monday 20th February. The Academy will reopen to students on Monday 27th February at 8:20am. Students should be prompt and fully prepared for Roll Call at 8:25am, in full school uniform, with all basic equipment for learning.

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.

Year 11 Examination Information

Mock examinations will commence for Year 11 students on Monday 6th March and finish on Monday 20th March. These examinations are critical in preparing students for their actual examinations in the summer term, and therefore regular and thorough revision is essential for your child to achieve their personal best.

Students will be issued with a timetable of the subject examination dates separately so that they are fully aware of the subjects for which they need to prepare. We wish good luck to all Year 11 students during this important time.

Polling Day Reminder/Update

You will remember from my correspondence in December 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.

We were initially hopeful that we could manage the use of the premises so that we would not have to fully close to students. However, the safeguarding of our students remains paramount as ever; therefore, we have had to make the decision to close the Academy to students in Years 7 – 10 on this date. Online/home learning will be arranged for students from these year groups. Due to the imminent final examinations, we are still considering all options for the Academy to remain open to Year 11 students on Thursday 4th May. I will communicate with you further as soon as a full plan has been finalised.



The Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III

In honour of The King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023, you will already be aware that an additional bank holiday will take place on Monday 8th May, to give families and communities the opportunity to celebrate together. You will see this additional date added to the remaining term dates overleaf.

Communication / Information Sharing

Whilst we encourage visits to the Academy for anyone wishing to see the facilities we have to offer; we are also giving regular insight to the school day via our Facebook and Twitter pages. Please check out what is going on at www.facebook.com/thistleyhoughupdates or <https://twitter.com/ThistleyHough>. Also, look out for our February Newsletter – coming very soon! If you have any suggestions for other lines of communication, or would like more information in specific areas, please email enquiries@thistleyhoughacademy.org.uk.

Times of the Day / Remaining Term Dates 2023

Finally, for your convenience please find a reminder of the times of the school day and the remaining holiday dates for this academic year attached overleaf.

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

Yours sincerely

Noel Kennedy
Interim Principal



Spring Term 2023	Dates
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
Polling Day – (Academy closed to Year 7 – 10 students)	Thursday 04 May
King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday	Monday 08 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

INSET DAYS – Academy open to staff only

- 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