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19 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

October Half-Term / Important Information

It has been a very busy start to the academic year 2023 – 2024, and as we fast approach the end of the first half term, I write to remind you that **the Academy will close for the half term break at 2:45pm on Friday 27th October. The Academy will re-open on Monday 6th November at 8:20am.**

In September we welcomed our new Year 7 students to the Academy, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers of our Year 7 Settling in Evening on Thursday 26th October. Information has been shared regarding the booking of appointments and is viewable via [Year-7-Settling-In-Evening-2023-3-1.pdf](#). We very much look forward to seeing Year 7 parents/carers on this evening.

This year will be a significant time for our Year 11 students as they enter into the final part of their journey in secondary education. Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will take place during the weeks commencing Monday 20th November and Monday 27th November for all Year 11 students; information and a full timetable will be shared with students separately. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them luck throughout the upcoming months and encourage them to work hard, and to commit themselves to achieving the very best that they can during their final examinations in the summer term.

We have also started the process of recruiting our new Year 7 students for September 2024 and **we would urge applications for student entry as soon as possible**. Our traditional Open Evening took place on Wednesday 20th September; it was an exceptional evening where we got to meet prospective students and parents/carers. If you, family members or friends missed the opportunity to attend and would like a tour of the Academy to view the excellent facilities and explore further the opportunities that Thistley Hough can offer, please contact the main office on 01782 883500.

Urgent plea/reminder

Further to my correspondence of 20th September, I would like to re-emphasise the importance of using the drop off and pick up zone on the lower car park, accessible from Newcastle Lane, at the start and the end of the school day. We appreciate that there are times when this area is particularly busy, but the safety and well-being of our students remains paramount as always, and we would implore you to support us in this regard.

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.

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

With very best wishes

Noel Kennedy
Principal



Remaining Term Dates 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023	Dates
Academy closes	Friday 27 October
Half Term	Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November
Academy opens	Monday 06 November
Academy closes	Friday 22 December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 25 December to Friday 05 January

Spring Term 2024	Dates
Academy open to staff only (INSET Day)	Monday 08 January
Academy opens to students	Tuesday 09 January
Academy closes	Friday 09 February
Half Term	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Academy opens	Monday 19 February
Academy closes	Friday 22 March
Easter Holiday	Monday 25 March to Friday 05 April

Summer Term 2024	Dates
Academy opens	Monday 08 April
INSET/Moderation Day	Monday 15 April (details TBC)
Polling Day	Thursday 02 May (closure for some year groups – TBC)
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 06 May
Academy closes	Friday 24 May
Half Term	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Academy opens	Monday 03 June
Academy closes to students	Friday 19 July
Academy open to staff only INSET Day	Monday 22 July
Summer Holiday	Tuesday 23 July to Friday 30 August

INSET Days

Monday 08 January 2024
Monday 15 April 2024 - (INSET/Moderation Day)
Monday 22 July 2024

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