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02 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **February Half Term / Important Dates and Information**

I write to remind you that **the Academy will close for the half term break at 2:45pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and will reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 thank you for your understanding regarding the ongoing maintenance works at the Academy following the burst water pipe; your cooperation has been invaluable. Repairs are set to continue over the weekend (3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> February) and we will keep you updated with regard to the completion of the works as soon as we can. In the meantime, please be reminded that all students are to enter and exit the school building from the lower car park (Newcastle Lane). No entry or exit will be permitted via the gate onto the main school yard and MUGA area at the front of the building. **Please could I request that you take extra care when dropping off or collecting your child at the start and the end of the day, and that you adhere to the 5 miles per hour restriction at all times.**

### **Year 9 Parents'/Carers' and Options Evening**

Please be reminded that the Year 9 Parents'/Carers' and Options Evening will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 4:00pm – 7:00pm. This is an important event which provides parents and carers with an opportunity to discuss the progress of your child with their teachers, including the next steps to be taken in each subject following their recent assessments. It is also an opportunity to discuss the options process and the courses available to your child and we would urge you to arrange appointments via the Parent Portal on Arbor, or on the Arbor App. For further information and guidance please visit: <https://www.thistleyoughacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Year-9-Parents-and-Options-Evening.pdf>

### **Year 11 Examination Information**

Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) commence for Year 11 students on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and will end on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## **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](http://www.facebook.com/thistleyhoughupdates) or <https://twitter.com/ThistleyHough> and most recently on our new LinkedIn page at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/thistleyhoughacademy>. 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](mailto:enquiries@thistleyhoughacademy.org.uk).

## **Remaining Term Dates / Times of the Day**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Noel Kennedy', is written over a light grey horizontal line.

Noel Kennedy  
Principal



## Remaining Term Dates 2023 – 2024

| Spring Term 2024 | Dates   |
|------------------|---|
| Academy closes   | Friday 09 February                              |
| Half Term        | <b>Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February</b> |
| Academy opens    | Monday 19 February                              |
| Academy closes   | Friday 22 March                                 |
| Easter Holiday   | <b>Monday 25 March to Friday 05 April</b>       |

| 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                               | <b>Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May</b>                |
| Academy opens                           | Monday 03 June                                       |
| Academy closes to students              | Friday 19 July                                       |
| Academy open to staff only<br>INSET Day | Monday 22 July                                       |
| Summer Holiday                          | <b>Tuesday 23 July to Friday 30 August</b>           |

## Remaining INSET Days 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             |