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20 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

October Half-Term / Important Information

It has been a very busy start to the academic year 2024 – 2025, 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 25th October. The Academy will re-open on Monday 4th November at 8:20am.**

Year 7 – September 2025 Applications

I would like to take this opportunity to inform prospective parents/carers that we have started the process of recruiting our new Year 7 students for September 2025 and **we would urge applications for student entry as soon as possible.** Our traditional Open Evening took place on Thursday 19th 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. The deadline for Year 7 admission applications is 31st October 2024. We have already taken more Year 7 students on roll this academic year than previous years, and we are expecting an even higher demand for places for next year, so please make sure to enter your application as soon as possible. To apply for Thistley Hough Academy for September 2025 please go to: https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions .

Good Luck Year 11

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 commence on Monday 11th November and will run until Thursday 21st November (inclusive). All students have been provided with a paper copy of the overall PPE timetable and will be equipped with a personalised timetable closer to the PPE start date. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 students good 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.

Continued urgent plea/reminder

As highlighted in my correspondence on 11th 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 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024	Dates
Academy closes	Friday 25 October
Half term	Monday 28 October to Friday 01 November
Academy opens	Monday 04 November
Academy closes	Friday 20 December
Christmas holiday	Monday 23 December to Friday 03 January

Spring Term 2025	Dates
Academy open to staff only INSET Day	Monday 06 January
Academy opens to students	Tuesday 07 January
Academy closes	Friday 14 February
Half term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Academy opens	Monday 24 February
Academy closes	Thursday 10 April
INSET/Moderation Day	Friday 11 April (<u>selected</u> students to attend – TBC)
Easter holiday	Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April

Summer Term 2025	Dates
Academy opens	Monday 28 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 05 May
Academy closes	Friday 23 May
Half term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
Academy opens	Monday 02 June
Academy closes to students	Friday 18 July
Academy open to staff only INSET DAY	Monday 21 July
Summer holiday	Tuesday 22 July to Friday 29 August

Remaining INSET Days

Monday 06 January 2025

Friday 11 April 2025 (INSET/Moderation Day – full details TBC)

Monday 21 July 2025

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