

March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Spring Term and Easter Update from the Academy

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our staff and parents/carers for their continued support in ensuring that our young people thrive both personally and academically. It is a genuine pleasure working with our school community.

Easter Closure

We will be maintaining our normal arrangements up to Thursday 29 March and the academy will close at the usual time (3pm) for students and will re-open again (8.45am) on Monday 15 April 2024.

Charity

This term we raised £242 for Comic Relief, we thank everyone who supported the charity by wearing a red accessory, buying a cake or taking part in our bake-off competition.

Enrichment

This term our students have been involved in a number of experiences out of the classroom including visits to:

- Battlefields residential
- Latin Conference
- North Lincolnshire Music Festival
- Lincoln University
- Hull City FC tour and match
- Scunthorpe United words count
- Faraday competition
- London regeneration residential
- Science mavericks competition
- Be inspired criminal justice day
- Humberside Panathlon
- Numerous Sporting Fixtures – including badminton finals, swimming gala, North Lincolnshire Dodgeball competition plus many Netball and Football matches

Communication

All communication with parents is via the My Child at School app. If you haven't already activated your account please contact our reception team. Also, please follow us on Twitter at @TVAbriigg where you can keep up to date with life at The Vale Academy. We look forward to sharing our new Facebook page with you all after the Easter break!

Uniform & Equipment

Our uniform supplier is **SPT Uniforms**, based in Garforth Leeds. You are very welcome to visit their shop or, to order on line, please follow this link [The Vale Academy | Product categories | SPT Uniforms](#). We will also be hosting a **uniform 'pop-up' shop** again in the summer holidays on **Thursday 08 August 10.30am-4.30pm** where you and your children will be able to come into school, select/order and purchase uniform items.

The new-style uniform (introduced last September) will be worn by those who are in Y7 and Y8 in September and Y9-11 will continue with the older style uniform until it is phased out and no longer available.

Can I please request that parents/carers support us in ensuring students adhere to the uniform expectations below.

- Blazer - Academy blazer
- Trousers - Plain style, black tailored trousers
- **Delta Skirt – pleated black knee length skirt**
- Shirt - Plain style, white shirt buttoned to the neck
- Jumper - v-necked plain black knit (Optional - to be worn under blazer)
- Shoes - Plain style, black polishable shoes. No embellishments. Boots are not permitted.
- Socks - Plain style black. Tights - Plain style black
- Academy tie to be always worn
- Plain black belt, with standard buckle only
- Delta PE kit should be brought in on the appropriate days
- **No Jewellery/earrings/Apple watch or equivalent**
- No make-up/false eyelashes/false nails/nail polish
- Planner
- Black pen/green pen/pencil/ruler/calculator in a pencil case
- Optional- coloured pencils









Unfortunately, this term we will be saying farewell to Mrs Hopkins from the Maths department and we thank her for all the support she has given to students and their families and the academy over the last 18 months. We wish her all the best for the future.

Moving forward to the end of another successful term, all that remains is for me to wish you a Happy Easter and restful break on behalf of everyone at the academy.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Stokes
Principal

<p>Mental health support online:</p>  	<p>If you worried about your safety or care or that of someone else you can call Childline 24/7.</p> 	<p>If you have questions and/or concerns about drugs and want to talk to someone anonymously you can TALK TO FRANK.</p> 
<p>Forced marriage is illegal in the UK, if you need help and support around this issue, you can contact Childline on 0800 1111.</p> 	<p>Keep yourself and your friends safe from exploitation! Here's our top tips!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trust yourself, you know when something seems wrong. 2. Don't trust people you don't know. 3. Don't be tricked or tempted to do things that are unsafe. 4. Talk to a trusted adult if you feel unsafe. 	<p>Ways to REPORT any CONCERNS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Box in Miss Harding's office • Online 'Tell Us' button via pupil safety • Talk to any member of staff in the Academy • Report directly to Miss Broughton (DSL) or any other designated member of staff shown in all rooms.
<p>Stay safe online and report grooming and abuse using CEOP.</p>  <p>ceop.police.uk or look for the CEOP button online</p>	<p>LGBTQ+ support service and chat 0300 3300630</p>  <p>For support with positive changes around lifestyle, drugs or alcohol concerns you can chat anonymously online at</p> <p>www.changegrowlive.org</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the regular student voice sessions • North Lincolnshire Children's Services: 01724 296500 