

July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Summer Term Update from the Academy

As we approach the end of the term which included a successful Ofsted inspection, 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.

Summer Closure

We will be maintaining our normal arrangements up to Thursday 20 July and **on Friday 21 July the academy day will end at 1.30pm** students who walk/cycle home will depart at 1.30pm. A number of buses are also able to collect students at that time but some, due to being shared transport with Nelthorpe, will leave at the usual time at the end of the school day **those buses are the 403, 405 and 422S, H1 and X4** and those students will remain in school until 3.10pm.

The academy will re-open again (8.45am) on Wednesday 06 September 2023 for Y7 and Y11 only and there will be a drop-in session for Post16 students from 10am-2pm on that day too.

Thursday 07 September 2023 - all students should arrive at 8:45am.

The Academy Day

As you know, changing of the academy finish time from 3.10pm to 3pm is under consultation until we break up. We fully anticipate that the 3pm finish will be effective from 06 September.

Enrichment

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

- Paris (residential)
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Lincoln castle
- Ripley Castle and Dallowgill (residential)
- Women in Manufacturing and Engineering
- Y11 and Post 16 Proms
- District Athletics
- Alton Towers
- Elsham Golf Leaders
- Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Orchard Court Music Visit
- Orienteering
- Scunthorpe Music Festival
- Quad Kids 2023
- Hornsea and Flamborough
- Grimsby Institute
- Lincoln University
- Delta Poetry Competition finals

We're delighted to be taking part in the Department for Education's new Latin Excellence Programme, and introducing Latin for a small number of students from September. This exciting programme will be supporting over 8,000 pupils in state schools across England to learn Latin up to GCSE-level. For more information about the programme and the benefits of learning Latin visit: www.latinexcellence.org.

Communication and Payment

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.

As notified, payments for school meals, trips and visits etc will be via the MCAS from September. Any balances on Parentpay will be transferred across to MCAS.

Uniform & Equipment

As previously notified there are some changes to our uniform and uniform supplier –

- Blazer - plain black with the Delta Academies Trust logo
- Pe kit - black with royal blue
- all other items remain unchanged

The 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 are hosting two **uniform 'pop-up' shops** in the summer holidays on **Monday 24 July and Wednesday 23 August 10.30am-2.30pm at The Vale Academy** where you and your children will be able to come into school, select and purchase uniform items.

The new Y7 intake will be expected to wear the new items of uniform from September 2023 (they have already been contacted about this) Y8-10 will be expected to wear the new items by September 2024.

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
- Coloured pencils

A Level and GCSE Results Days – 9am to Midday

- **Thursday 17 August – A Level**
- **Thursday 24 August – GCSE**










At the end of term we have a number of staff retiring or moving on to new challenges; Mrs Dyson, Mrs McLaren, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Smith and Mr O'Neill and not forgetting Mr Teanby who finished at the end of June. We wish to thank them for all the support they have given to students and their families and the considerable contribution they have made to the academy over the years, I'm sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best for the future.

Moving forward to the end of another successful term, all that remains is for me to wish you and your families a wonderful and, above all, safe summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



Sarah Stokes
Principal

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| <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. • Through the regular student voice sessions • North Lincolnshire Children's Services: 01724 296500  |
| <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>  | |