



Nunthorpe
Academy

November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We write to you at the end of what has been a particularly busy Autumn term packed full of activities. Please visit our website (www.nunthorpe.co.uk) to check out the very wide range of opportunities for all our learners and please do encourage your child to get even more involved with making Nunthorpe Academy the special place we know it to be.

Our new Spring Term begins at **8:30am on Monday 7 January 2019**. Please note our academy will be closed to students on Friday 15 February 2019, for staff training, an important part of our work that keeps us up to date with the latest educational developments – national and international.

You will be aware that a full version of our Academy Calendar – always fully up to date – is live on our website at all times. Please do check this regularly so that you don't miss any important events for you and your child. As ever, our Spring term contains a number of very important evening functions for parents and carers and these are all identified on both our Calendar and our website blog.

Our continuing focus on Standards

Thank you for your ongoing support of our extremely high expectations with regard to uniform standards. This academic year has seen a very positive start with so many of our students arriving looking immaculate, professional and ready for learning. The vast majority of our students are well prepared for learning with fully equipped pencil cases and well cared for academy planners, allowing learning in lessons to continue without unnecessary disruptions. We have arrived at this fantastic situation due to the joint focus being given to these areas by staff, students and parents working together.

However, we would like to pick up on some of the common issues that have arisen in order to clarify them. Almost all of our female students are wearing skirts at the correct length with no slits up the side, but parents/carers should check that they are still at knee length for our return in January as many students have experienced growth spurts since September and may need to have their skirts replaced to ensure they comply with the academy regulations. Make-up is generally being worn in compliance with our policy. However, there are still some issues in relation to this and I would like to remind you of the policy on make-up. KS3 students are NOT allowed to wear ANY make-up including mascara, eyebrow/eyelash tinting or fake tan. KS4 students are permitted to wear DISCREET foundation only. Students should only wear standard plain black shoes to the academy; boots and trainers are not permitted.

Students are not allowed to have any nail decorations whether it be polish or acrylic/gel nails. They will be asked to remove these immediately. Facial piercings are also not permitted and students should not wear clear, plastic piercings to the academy.

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With the onset of the winter weather, may we remind you that winter coats should be worn over a student's jacket and **not** replace it. Coats should be as plain and simple as possible and 'hoodies' are not acceptable and will be routinely confiscated to be collected by parents in line with any other confiscated items. Students are permitted to wear their coats at Break and Lunch in our Quads – but must remove them for all lessons.

Should you have any queries regarding uniform please refer to our website: www.nunthorpe.co.uk, where photographs and details are stored to support parents when making choices regarding clothing items.

With the possibility of adverse weather conditions as winter advances I would also like to remind you that snowballing is NEVER acceptable and any student caught participating in this activity will be dealt with according to our Positive Behaviour Policy. In extreme circumstances that the academy may close due to adverse weather, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to parents and carers. We will continue to contact Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority to announce any closures on local radio stations, on our website and social media. We will always ensure the safety of students and staff is at the forefront of our decision.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's Pastoral Managers. Their email addresses are as follows:

- Endeavour – Senior Pastoral Manager: cdeen@nunthorpe.co.uk
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Our warmest regards to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

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