



# Nunthorpe Academy

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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

As we enter the final few weeks of our academic year, I write to you with the outcomes of two recent consultations we have undertaken with yourselves, students and staff.

## Parents' Evenings

In recent years we have largely used a combination of tutor led Parents' Evenings (predominantly at KS3 – Years 7-9) and subject led Parents' Evenings (at KS4 Years 10-11). We canvassed the opinion of parents at a recent KS3 event and over 90% of respondents voted in favour of subject based Parents' Evenings. As a result **with effect from September 2019, all Parents' Evenings will be subject based** and parents will be given the opportunity to meet with their child's individual subject teachers. Please note that at KS5 (Sixth form) we will continue to run a combination of tutor led and subject based consultation evenings.

## Lunchtime Arrangements

As you will be aware, we made the decision to move to 'split lunch times' at around this time last year. This has proved to be very successful, but not a perfect solution due to the number of students we have and the nature of our buildings. We recently surveyed, students, parents and staff and a significant majority voted in favour of retaining our current arrangements. As a result, **we will continue to operate split lunch times as we have done this academic year.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those of you who participated in our recent consultations and would encourage you to continue to do this in order to help shape the future of our academy. We will be undertaking a significant consultation early in the new academic year and would very much like to hear your thoughts on this when we go 'live'.

## Recent Behaviour Drive

I feel it is also appropriate to update you on the impact of our recent drive to eradicate refusal and defiance. Unfortunately, during the course of this term to date, I have excluded approximately 4% of our student population for refusal – this figure is high and concerns me greatly. However, the number of exclusions has dropped dramatically, from 80 in the first week of the drive to single figures in week 7 – the impact is clear and is being felt on a daily basis around the academy.

We continue to work hard with the small percentage of students who continue to make poor behavioural choices.

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### Road Safety

As we have entered the summer term, the number of students travelling to the academy on their bicycles has increased significantly – from a health point of view, I am very encouraged by this. However, there are a small number of children whose behaviour when cycling to and from the academy is very dangerous. For those of you who do have children who cycle to the academy, I would be very grateful if you could encourage them to ride sensibly and with consideration for other road users and pedestrians.

### Year 6 into Year 7 Transition

Finally, for parents of students currently in Years 7 to 10; on the first day of transition, Monday 8 July, school will begin at 10.40am. This is to allow our new cohort of students to have two hours with their form tutor and year group prior to lessons starting at period 3. We will provide further detail on this nearer the time but I felt it was appropriate to give you as much notice as possible.

Yours sincerely

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