



Nunthorpe Academy

12 December 2019

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I would firstly like to take the opportunity to express thanks for the hard work and effort that has been demonstrated by students and the support of parents over this term and ask that this focus on high standards and positive learning is demonstrated until the end of term. The student's positive response to the new Behaviour Policy has already had a significant impact in creating a calm, orderly and positive atmosphere on the corridors, in lessons and during social times; students themselves are impressed with the changes they have made.

This term our students have been involved in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, fundraising and intervention programs; to keep up to date with all of the latest events and successes please access the gallery section on our website, Facebook page or Twitter feed. If your child is involved in a positive experience outside of the academy day please ensure that you share details and images so that we can celebrate these successes too and promote the extended positive learning culture we aspire to.

Term will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 20 December with students being dismissed by members of the senior team once lockers have been emptied. The Compass Royston bus will collect students at 1.00pm on this last day of term.

Key dates up until the end of term:

Friday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Day £1.00 minimum donation to raise funds for 'Save the Children'; also Christmas dinner day!
Friday 13 December	Community Christmas Party 1.00 – 3.00pm
Monday 16 December	Governors Celebration Event 4.00 – 5.00pm
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Carol Concert 6.30pm – 7.45pm in the main school hall. Tickets £2.00. Everyone welcome!

Key Dates Spring 1 2020:

Monday 6 January	Spring Term starts – students must be in the academy by 8.30am. The student gates will be locked for safeguarding at 8.30am each morning.
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6 – 17 January	Year 12 and Year 13 Trial Exams
Wednesday 15 January	Year 9 Options Evening 6.00 – 7.30pm Careers Evening 5.00 – 7.00pm
Monday 3 February	Parent Voice Group Meeting 6-7.30pm – new members welcome – Sixth Form Conference Room
Wednesday 5 February	Year 12 & 13 Subject Parents' Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
10 – 14 February	Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 12 February	Year 11 Subject Parents' Evening
Friday 14 February	PD DAY (School closed to students)
14 – 23 February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 24 February	Spring 2 starts plus Year 11 trial exams!

Our Continuing Focus on Standards

Thank you for your ongoing support of our extremely high expectations with regard to uniform. These high standards are helping to support the productive learning environment our students' experience. Should you have any queries regarding uniform, please refer to our website where photographs and details are stored to support parents when making purchasing choices regarding academy uniform. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that students applying acrylic nails, false eyelashes, tinted eyebrows, fake tan and hair colours over the festive season need to make appointments to have these removed the weekend before returning to the academy to prevent any negative interactions at the beginning of term.

Academy Attendance

The minimum expectation for attendance in the academy is **95%** and we are slightly shy of this with the current spate of bugs that hit at this time of year. Please support us in ensuring your child attends and make medical appointments where possible outside of academy hours.

*One school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!!!
90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school = ½ a school year missed!*

Further information on our attendance policy can be found here:
<http://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/our-academy/policies/>

Transport to and from the academy

The impact of the recent bad weather is also felt in travel and transport within the community which is, as we know, problematic at the best of times! We respectfully ask that all parents



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and carers are especially considerate during drop off and pick up times in and around the academy car park.

Polite reminder that Compass Royston have terminated their bus route between Eston and Nunthorpe at school run times (notification shared 9.12.19). Please ensure that alternative transport arrangements are in place for 6 January to ensure your child arrives at the academy prior to 8.30am.

Parent Voice

As always we welcome feedback and parental engagement and would encourage any parent/carer who would like to be more actively involved in any of the work across the academy join our Parent Voice Group, all you need to do is come along to the next meeting (Monday 3 February at 6.30pm), the most recent minutes can be found at <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/our-academy/parent-voice-group/>

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best for the coming season and a wonderful New Year. I look forward to seeing all of our students return safe and refreshed in the New Year!

Best wishes,

Kate Kell
Acting Head of School

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