



Nunthorpe
Academy

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Independent Study Time

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

In light of the past 18 months we are all doing our best at Nunthorpe Sixth Form to help students adjust to getting into a routine to support their educational studies. We have always prided ourselves on working with students and listening to their feedback to help everyone achieve their potential, whilst maintaining our own high expectations and standards.

The pandemic has affected us all in different ways and it has recently become clear to us that we need to offer some more flexibility to those students who need it. As a result we are making some changes to our expectations regarding independent study and studying off site. In the past we have insisted students stay on site all day whilst in Year 12 with some opportunity to study at home in Year 13. This has been to help ensure students are up on time, focused and learn how to use their study time effectively whilst in a supportive environment. After listening to students we are slightly changing our expectations this year:

- All students will still be expected to attend the Sixth Form from 08.30am to attend their tutorial at 08.40am-09.10am and work in the building periods 1-2. The tutorials cover everything we need to deliver to help our students for the future, especially in relation to their careers and university/apprenticeship applications.
- Both Year 12 and Year 13 students will have the opportunity to go home for any remaining study periods in the day if they wish. This may mean they go home for independent study after break and return for the afternoon, or go home for the rest of the day. Alternatively they can stay and study in the Sixth Form building. The building is open for students until 5.00pm Monday-Thursday.
- All students are expected to attend all lessons and any supervised study periods in the relevant week of the timetable. (Period 3)
- Students may leave the building at break or lunch as long as they return for any timetabled lessons.
- Lunchtime can be taken anytime between 12.30 – 2.00pm. Students are no longer restricted to a 30 minute window (but must still attend lessons/supervised study at correct times)
- It is extremely important that students sign in/out on the laptop in the Sixth Form to ensure we meet all safeguarding requirements.

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Many students like to stay in the building and work alongside their peers, whereas others prefer their home environment. We hope these changes will allow all students to take responsibility for where they study in order to suit their needs.

Yours faithfully

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