



Nunthorpe
Academy

December 2021

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s) and Students,

Congratulations we have managed a full term back at the academy with face to face teaching, the opportunity to mix beyond year groups bubbles, see and communicate with each other beyond our immediate seating plan, experience whole year group assemblies and celebration events and move around the academy with limited restrictions in comparison to the previous 18 months. Extra-curricular activities, practical lessons, sporting fixtures, charity fund raising and external visitors promoting literacy, careers opportunities, safeguarding experiences through drama and workshops, 'Yolo', risk taking behaviours and 'Lucky' the refugee experience. Awards ceremonies, work experience interviews and trial exams have all provided the rich experiences that have previously been central to the Nunthorpe experience have been able to return. Students on the whole have responded positively and a significant amount of students have taken the regular opportunity to access the new and improved catering facilities.

Student Voice continues to go from strength to strength with their evaluation of the weekly experiences within the academy; promotion of developments with the new catering, feedback on subject areas, curriculum experience through internal deep dives, consultation on the adapted behaviour and safeguarding policies and experiences within the academy in response to the Ofsted peer on peer and relationships and sex education reports and the changes implemented within the academy to support students to feel safe and know the reporting systems and structures.

In addition to the academic experiences students have also found time to raise awareness and funds for key charities both locally and nationally through a Colour Run for Mind, wear yellow, Young Minds, mental health awareness day, Children in Need post 16 pyjama day, CAUSE Christmas hampers and gifts for families across the region, clothes donations to support refugees from Afghanistan, Middlesbrough Food Bank, and Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. Further details of our student's activities can be found on the academy website gallery, Facebook and Twitter, please don't forget to add us to your favourites.

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Upcoming key dates to be add to your diary:

Date	Event	Points to note
Friday 17 December 2021	End of term	Students will be dismissed from 2:00pm onwards.
Monday 3 January 2022	Bank Holiday	Academy closed
Tuesday 4 January 2022	LFT on site testing Years 10 – 13	See testing letter for details of times to attend for testing All students to attend Zoom lessons when not being tested
Wednesday 5 January 2022	Term starts for Years 10 – 13 on site	Regular timetable on site
	LFT on site testing Years 7 – 9	See testing letter for details of times to attend for testing All Year 7 – 9 students to attend Zoom lessons when not being tested
	Year 9 Parental Review Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm	Please refer to letter sent. Remote appointments must be made with subject teachers. This will support next week's Options evening
Thursday 6 January 2022	All students back on site for face to face lessons	All students follow their usual timetable
Monday 10 January 2022 (change of date due to testing)	Year 13 Trial exams begin	Please refer to letter sent on 'Exam contingency arrangements'
	Sixth Form interviews begin	It is not too late to apply! Complete your application and hand it in. Appointments will be shared.
Wednesday 12 January 2022 4:30pm	Options & Careers Evening	On site event to discuss the Options process, speak to subject specialists and gain an insight into the next stage for Year 9 students. Careers evening open to all students from all year groups.
Wednesday 2 February 2022	Year 11 Parental Review Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm	Please refer to letter sent. Remote appointments must be made with subject teachers.
Wednesday 16 February 2022	Year 12 & 13 Parental Review Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm	Please refer to letter sent. Remote appointments must be made with subject teachers.
Friday 18 February 2022	PD Day	Academy closed to all students – half term begins
Monday 28 February 2022	Spring 2 term starts	All students return to the academy



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Breakfast Club: This provision will start fully on Thursday 6 January 2022. Students wishing to access breakfast club can enter the academy building through main reception from 8:00am – 8.15am. Breakfast will be available and supervised in the main dining area. Students must remain in this area to ensure supervision and safety until 8.30am when students can move onto form rooms for registration and tutor activities. Menus and price lists are available on the academy website: [Academy Meals](#).

Pre-loved academy uniform: We have collected significant stock over the last year for our pre-loved shop please email admin@nunthorpe.co.uk if you would like to place a request for uniform items and we will let you know if we are able to support your request.

New academy website: If you have not yet had the opportunity to explore the new academy website please take a look. We hope you find that all of your feedback has been listened to and that you can navigate more easily to the areas you requested. Please let us know if you feel anything is missing or difficult to find and we will continue to ensure this is a functional site for parents/carers, students, staff and the local community.

May we draw particular attention to the orange 'News Alert' button at the bottom of the home page. Any urgent information is posted in this section to highlight upcoming events, or important information. Currently you can find information on the upcoming Year 9 Parents Evening, information about the recent DC1 reports, and how to report a positive COVID-19 test. However please keep checking this section in the future.

We also post all of our important announcements on our official social media pages, you can follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NunthorpeAcademy or Twitter: www.twitter.com/NunthorpeA.

Looking for a venue for an event? Check out our [lettings page](#) to see if we can support your needs.

Feedback: Want to leave feedback about your child's experience? Please click onto the Ofsted page and click on the link to 'Parent View' to complete the questionnaire and leave your feedback. Alternatively contact your child's form tutor, pastoral manager or subject teacher. We collate all feedback and are happy to hear your views as we strive to become Outstanding.

Covid requirements update: On 26 November 2021, the World Health Organization identified the variant Omicron (B.1.1.529) as a new variant of concern. Whilst scientific data regarding the transmissibility of the Omicron variant is still being assessed, there are important implications for all schools and workplaces in terms of the need for robust measures to help prevent the spread of this new variant and to continue efforts to break the cycle of transmission of COVID-19 at a time when case numbers remain high and are rising in the country.

It is essential that appropriate action continues to be taken to ensure that the academy is safe and to prevent avoidable disruption to student's education during the remainder of this term and when we reopen following the Christmas break. Therefore,

- a) Can you ensure that your child(ren) are provided with a mask on a daily basis to bring into the academy and that they are encouraged to wear them (properly over the mouth



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and nose) in all communal areas. At this point we have not been instructed to ask students to wear them in lessons, however should we have an outbreak in the academy, this would be a further consideration.

- b) Ensure that your child(ren) complete twice weekly (Monday and Thursday morning) LFT to ensure they are not asymptomatic and that these results are reported via by both links provided below:
 - a. Nunthorpe Reporting – <https://forms.gle/nfxNtTN63KaUNvzHA>
 - b. NHS Reporting - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- c) If your child(ren) have any symptoms please book a PCR test asap and inform the academy attendance line and email positivecovidtest@nunthorpe.co.uk which will generate an email requesting the information we required to report as an academy.

Updated Trust Risk Assessment

Following the government's announcement On Wednesday 8 December 2021 regarding Covid-19 and the Omicron variant we have updated our Risk Assessment

<https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/news/nmat-trust-risk-assessment-lateral-flow-risk-assessment/>

School Attendance

Students who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly, required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided with details about self-isolation.

Students are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Thank you for your ongoing support. All of the information above is correct at the time of writing. If any further changes are directed by the government and Department for Education we will update you asap via the academy website and Class Charts notifications. (If you have still not down loaded the Class Charts App please do so to support our communication).



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May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season and hope you have a peaceful break with the opportunity to share time with your families this year!

God bless. Take care

Kate Kell
Head of School