



**Nunthorpe**  
Academy

25 August 2023

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I hope you and your families have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

**Academy return:**

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students back in Nunthorpe Academy on **Tuesday 5 September at 8.30am**. As it is the first day of term, students will go straight to their form room for the first hour of the day to ensure timetables, planners and standards are completed to start the term with a positive 'welcome'. However, going forwards, the day will now start with taught subject lessons as explained in our @Nunthorpe magazine shared at the end of term <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/nunthorpe-magazine/> in the Head of School section.

**Changes to the Academy Day:**

*"In response to student and staff voice the Academy day will change from 4 September 2023. When we return to the Academy, the academy day will remain the same in length but tutor time and break will change in structure. We have reduced the length of tutor time by 5 minutes but increased the length of break by 5 minutes to allow them to be placed back to back to create a split break. This will allow two year groups to have their break with increased access to toilets and canteen facilities, whilst the other three year groups are in assembly or form time, and this will then flip. This will reduce the number of students moving around the corridors at any given time to improve the flow around our corridors and better support wellbeing. What this does mean is that it is absolutely essential for students to attend the academy on time (no later than 8.30am) as their first lesson will now start at 8.40am and it is essential that core learning is not missed. Details will be explained to students in their form time this week and during period 1 on the first day back in September".*

**Academy timetable September 2023 – 2024**

Gates open 8.20am / Gates close 8.35am

8.40 - 9.40am Lesson 1

9.40 – 10.40am Lesson 2

10.10 – 11.05am Break Year 8, 10 & 12 / Tutor Year 7, 9, 11 & 13

11.05 – 11.30am Break Year 7, 9, 11 & 13 / Tutor Year 8, 10 & 12

11.30 – 12.30am Lesson 3

12.30 – 14.00pm Lesson 4 plus split lunches as previously

14.00 – 15.00 Lesson 5

\* changes for September

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**Attendance:**

Good attendance and punctuality are the key to success and all evidence shows that absence has a considerable impact on academic attainment and mental health. Every day missed is 5 ½ hours of high-quality education, including an hour each of English, maths and science.

Even if your child's attendance was below our 96% target last academic year, this is a fresh start and an opportunity to create new habits and routines, attend regularly and develop the knowledge and skills required to thrive in the modern world.

As an academy, we are determined to challenge unauthorised absence swiftly and relentlessly and appreciate your support in assuring your child attends on a daily basis to maximise their potential.

**Safeguarding information linked to our Behaviour Policy**

Cleveland Police and the local safeguarding trust board have contacted us with the following information to share with parents/carers. In the local areas the most common emerging trend amongst young people is to add THC oil to their vaping liquid. THC oil is a sticky thick, yellowy brown liquid which comes from the cannabis plant. THC is the chemical that gives the 'high' effect and it is illegal in the UK. THC is sourced and bought illegally and there are concerns over "additional ingredients" used by unscrupulous suppliers.

Please talk to your child about the concerns locally to ensure that they are aware and decline any opportunity to purchase any type of vape. It is illegal to sell vapes, E-cigarettes or cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18.

Nunthorpe Academy's policy is to confiscate any vapes or cigarettes that are found or seen on a student; our Search Protocol Policy allows us the right to check students where there are suspicions of vape use or possession. Please support us by ensuring that your child does not carry a vape or bring one into the Academy.

As THC is a categorised drug- Class B- and in line with our Behaviour Policy, any confirmed suspicion that a vape contains THC will lead to permanent exclusion from the Academy.

**Policies:** All Academy policies can be found on the Academy website, policies for the new academic year will be uploaded on Monday 4 September.

<https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/policies/>

Please see the link for our Uniform and Equipment Policy to ensure standards are correct from day one and do not lead to a negative conversation at the start of term (please ensure false nails, eyelashes and fake tan is removed prior to our term start).

<https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/policies/>

Please access our pre-loved uniform shop if you require support to ensure that your child is supported where necessary. [prelove@nunthorpe.co.uk](mailto:prelove@nunthorpe.co.uk)



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**Parental Partnership:** Finally, I would like to consult with you as parents and carers on how we can successfully develop our working relationships into the wider development of the Academy as a whole.

Groups/parental involvement we have previously had at the academy include:

1. **Parent Voice Group** – involved in fundraising activities and events planning such as Christmas/Summer Fair, Quiz nights.
2. **Parent Steering Group** – involved in consultation on curriculum developments, the data reports and informing explanations required to bridge the gap between educators and teachers in terms of language used and clarity of message.

Current vacancies we have available include:

1. **Parent or Community Governor** for the Local Governing Body
2. **Trustee** for Nunthorpe Multi Academy Trust

If you would like to take part in or be considered for any of the roles above, or have any further suggestions for this area of development please email a dedicated email address that I have set up for this consultation alone [parental\\_partnerships@nunthorpe.co.uk](mailto:parental_partnerships@nunthorpe.co.uk) (it contains an underscore)

This opportunity will allow you to have your say on how we can strengthen and develop our relationships with you to provide the best provision for our students, your children.

This will remain open until the end of September to allow your feedback to influence the direction for October onwards and allow our new Year 7 parents to be a part of this process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. All staff emails are available via the academy website. Staff will be back in the Academy for a PD Day on Monday 4 September, please remember we have a two working day response protocol in place.

Enjoy the remainder of your holidays with friends and family and we look forward to your safe return and listening to your adventures on your return on Tuesday 5 September.

Take care

Kate Kell  
**Head of School**

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