



20 July 2023

Dear Families

We have almost reached the end of a very busy half term at the Academy. As we reflect on the successes and challenges of this year, I would like to thank you personally for all your support and good wishes. Our staff continue to work tirelessly to encourage our students to live out our values of pride, ambition, and respect. They have been working very hard to build on the good practice that is in place as well as rewrite all our curriculums so that we are ready to start afresh in the new school year in September.

We have enjoyed this final week of term which has been an opportunity to celebrate student successes in year group assemblies and come together as a family to reflect on our year. You can read all about our wonderful students and all their news in our newsletter.

Arrangements for the last day of term

As previously communicated, students will finish for summer on Friday 21 July at 12:00 p.m. Year groups will be slightly staggered to allow for a smooth exit from the Academy.

Students will have the opportunity for 'brunch' at breaktime in place of a formal lunch. Students who are entitled to a free school meal can access it at this point.

Uniform standards for September

When students return to the Academy on Monday 4th September, we expect that the basic expectations of uniform will be met by all. This means: It is compulsory for all students to wear full school uniform including a blazer, tie, and school shoes. Correct black footwear - no trainers at all, including 'on cloud' trainers.

We have listened to student feedback about clip on ties, and from September will be offering traditional ties instead. We now have a stock of new and used uniform for any student/family who needs it. For students who come to school without the correct uniform, they will be provided with the missing items such as shoes, blazer, or tie. For those that consistently refuse to cooperate with basic rules over clothing (for example coats) they will be placed on daily detentions and parents will be invited into school to discuss how we can rectify the matter. If you are struggling to provide the correct uniform, please contact the office because we may be able to assist you.

We will be running further uniform Swap Shops on GCSE results day, Thursday 24th August between 11am and 12pm and Friday 1st September between 2pm and 4pm.

All students will be issued with their own locker in September near to their form room. Keys will be given out on the first day.

As usual at the start of a new year, there have been lots of changes to the teaching classes that students have been placed in. There is a variety of reasons for these changes such as staffing, students' attitude to learning and their progress. If you have any concerns with any of your child's new classes, please contact the relevant Head of Year.



Date	Arrival	Year groups	Focus
Friday 1 st September	Staff INSET day – all students to remain at home		
Monday 4 th September (All year groups in school with a staggered start)	8.40am	Y7	Induction
	9.00am	Y11	Timetable
	9.30am	Y8	Assembly
	10.00	Y9	Standards
	10.00	Y10	Expectations
All years to start normal lessons at 11.20am			

Term Dates for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn Half Term 1	Friday 1 September – Friday 27 October 2023
INSET day	Friday 1 September 2023 - no students to attend
Term starts	Monday 4 September 2023
INSET day	Thursday 26 October 2023 - no students to attend
INSET day	Friday 27 October 2023 - no students to attend
October Half Term Break	Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November 2023
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 6 November – Friday 22 December 2023
Term starts	Monday 6 November 2023
INSET day	Friday 22 December 2023 – no students to attend
Christmas Holidays	Monday 25 December – Friday 5 January 2024
Spring Half Term 3	Monday 8 January – Friday 9 February 2024
Term starts	Monday 8 January 2024
February Half Term Break	Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2024
Spring Half Term 4	Monday 19 February – Thursday 29 March 2023
Term starts	Monday 19 February 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 March (bank holiday) – Friday 12 April 2024
Summer Half Term 5	Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May 2024
Term starts	Monday 15 April 2024
Bank Holiday May Day	Monday 6 May 2024
May Half Term Break	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024
Summer Half Term 6	Monday 3 June – Monday 22 July 2024
Term starts	Monday 3 June 2024
Term ends	Friday 19 July 2024
INSET day	Monday 22 July 2024 – no students to attend

Year 11 Results Day August 2023

School will be open from 8.30am – 12pm on Thursday 24th August. All students will arrive via the main entrance where they will collect their results from a member of staff, who will be offering support with enrolment to Sixth Form or college.

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Attendance #2daysorless #everydaycounts

High expectations will continue to be set for all students with regards to attendance from September 2023. The academy will work closely with parents to maximise attendance and ensure that curriculum time is not missed. Persistent absence will be challenged, and parents will be expected to provide medical evidence when attendance does not meet expectations. Medical and dental appointments should be booked outside of school hours wherever possible, and holidays will not be authorised in term time.

The table below indicates how much learning time is lost per school year when students are absent from school. This is linked closely to academic achievement and future success. Please ensure that you are prepared for when your child starts back in September, know their start date, and have their uniform and equipment ready. If for any reason you are struggling with this, then please contact school before your child is due to return.

0 - 2 Days off	0 – 10 Lessons missed	99 - 100%	Excellent – student is accessing all learning opportunities
3 - 6 Days off	15 – 30 Lessons missed	97 - 98%	Good – very few learning opportunities missed
7 - 10 Days off	35 – 50 Lessons missed	95 - 96%	Concern - risk of underachievement
11 - 18 Days off	55 – 90 Lessons missed	91 - 94 %	Severe risk of underachievement
19 or more Days off	95 or more Lessons missed	90% or less	Extreme risk of underachievement Persistent Absence

Please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor App so that you can track your child's attendance and punctuality. #2daysorless #everydaycounts

Next year we are aiming high to have the best attendance possible. As such, we will be running a range of rewards for students on a weekly and half termly basis. This includes the best attending forms as well as individual attendance rewards much like our successful ice-skating trip earlier this term.

Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App

We are now using the online platform Arbor Education as our management information system. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and allow you key access to your son/daughter's Academy information including attendance, behaviour, timetable and homework.

To access the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App:

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click Forgot your password? to finish setting up your account using your email account.

Free School Meal vouchers

Liverpool City Council have managed to use some extra funding to provide families with £90.00 vouchers per child to cover the summer holiday period. These will be available to collect from the school office from 9am to 2pm each day through the summer holidays.

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Staff Changes

The end of every school year always sees valued staff leaving our Academy to pursue the next step of their career. I am sure you will join us in wishing these staff good luck for the future. Some staff have served our community over many years.

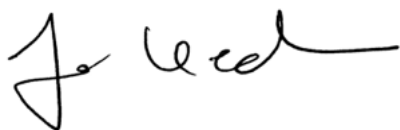
Mrs Reid has been a LSA at the Academy for 7 years. She has supported many young people and has shown great commitment to the students in her care. We would also like to say goodbye to Mrs De-Sa-Braz, our Head of Modern Foreign Languages. She has been with us for 7 years. She has been an inspiration to so many students over the years and will be missed by all. We thank her for her commitment to our community and wish her the best of luck. Mr Lavin, our Acting Head of Technology, will certainly be missed, and we wish him well as he continues his career journey in another Liverpool school. We also bid farewell to Mr Clegg as he embarks on an exciting new chapter of his life outside of teaching. We wish him all the best in his new adventures and will be forever grateful for all that he has done for our young people and our community. We say goodbye to Miss Williams who has been a Head of Year since 2016. She is going off to a new and important role working as part of the SAFE project. We thank her for her service to the children and families in our community. She will be greatly missed.

And finally, a special goodbye to Mr O'Doherty, our Deputy Headteacher who has been with us since 2021. We thank him for all that he has done for our school family, and we wish him all the best as he returns home permanently to Ireland.

We wish everyone leaving our Academy every success in their future endeavors and thank them for everything they have done to serve our school.

I wish you a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming you to more events in the next academic year celebrating our wonderful students. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a relaxing and prosperous summer break.

God Bless



Ms Jo Leech
Headteacher

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