

20 July 2022

Dear parent/carer

**Re: Changes to the Academy Day and Calendar**

Thank you for your support as we have negotiated the challenges of the extreme weather conditions at the start of this week. I am writing to provide you with an update to changes we intend to make to the Academy Calendar and Academy Day from September 2022.

**Academy Calendar**

We have reviewed the Academy Calendar and have made a minor adjustment to the holiday pattern, to allow both staff and students, to finish the next academic year on Friday 21 July 2023 instead of Tuesday 25 July 2023. We will now return to the Academy on Tuesday 3 January 2023 following the Christmas holiday. I have also disaggregated an INSET Day which means staff will only have four days of training and the final day will now be completed in extended Twilight Training sessions throughout the year. I have attached the new calendar, for your information. It can also be found on our website.

For your information, we will start the new academic year with a phased return in September:

- Year 7, Year 11 and Year 13 will return on Friday 2 September 2022. Year 12 will also enrol on this day.
- All our students will then return on Monday 5 September 2022.

**Academy Day**

We have evaluated and adapted the Academy Day following the implementation of our Curriculum 2021 Strategy. I have attached a copy of the new restructured day. The day will start and end at the same times as this year. Students must be on site before 8.40am every day and will finish at 2.45pm on a Monday and Friday and 3.35pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our Academy slightly exceeds the 32.5 hours per week that has recently been advised by the government.

We have also made the following changes:

- A free breakfast will now be available each day from 8.20am in our Café to ensure students are well fuelled for the day ahead.
- We have split and extended lunchtimes to reduce queuing and allow students time to sit and eat with their friends.
- We have moved EEP and Coaching Time from the start and end of the day to the middle of the day.

Again, the information is available on our Academy website [www.dukeries.atrust.org.uk/](http://www.dukeries.atrust.org.uk/)

I would remind you that the rearranged Sports Day Festival will take place on Monday 25 July 2022 for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Students should wear full Academy PE kit on this day. Year 10 students will be visiting Nottingham Trent University so will need to attend in Academy uniform. Further, the

summer holiday starts at 3.35pm on Wednesday 27 July 2022. The final day will be a non-uniform day in aid of a local charity.

I will write to you again before the end of term.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ged Rae', with a small flourish at the end.

Ged Rae  
Principal