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Dear families,

I would like to thank you for your support during my first term as Head of Secondary at Dixons Trinity Chapeltown Academy. This term has been incredibly successful for our students, and it has been an honour to lead such an exceptional group of young people. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with you and your child next academic year.

Academy Day Changes

Following the consultation on the academy day, I would like to remind families to the changes in the structure of the academy day from August. The Academy will open to secondary students for breakfast at 8:00am. Students must arrive to the academy no later than 8:15am to ensure that they are fully equipped in their morning meeting space by 8:20am.

Secondary					
Year 7 / 8 / 9			Year 10 / 11		
08:00	08:20	Breakfast	08:00	08:20	Breakfast
08:20	08:45	Morning Meeting	08:20	08:45	Morning Meeting
08:45	09:40	Period 1	08:45	09:40	Period 1
09:40	10:00	Break	09:40	10:35	Period 2
10:00	10:50	Period 2	10:35	10:50	Break
10:50	11:45	Period 3	10:50	11:45	Period 3
11:45	12:40	Period 4	11:45	12:40	Period 4
12:40	13:10	Lunch	12:40	13:10	DEAR
13:10	13:40	DEAR	13:10	13:40	Lunch
13:40	14:35	Period 5	13:40	14:35	Period 5
14:35	15:30	Period 6	14:35	15:30	Period 6
15:30	16:30	Extra-curricular/ Homework Club/ Intervention/ Correction	15:30	16:30	Extra-curricular/ Homework Club / Intervention / Correction

Start of Year Arrangements

Year 7 students will return on Wednesday 30 August 2023 for their first day of induction. Students in Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 will return on Thursday 31 August 2023. Students must arrive no later than 8.15am and be in morning meeting by 8.20am.

Term Dates 2023-2024

The term dates for next academic year are outlined below.

Term 1 Wednesday 23 August* to Friday 20 October 2023

- * Wednesday 30 August 2023: Year 7 only return as normal ready to start the academy day at 8.20 am
- * Thursday 31 August 2023: All students return as normal ready to start the academy day at 8.20 am

Holiday - Saturday 21 October to Sunday 5 November 2023

Term 2 Monday 6 November to Friday 22 December 2023

Holiday - Saturday 23 December to Sunday 7 January 2023

Term 3 Monday 8 January to Friday 9 February 2024

Holiday - Saturday 10 February to Sunday 18 February 2024

Term 4 Monday 19 February to Friday 29 March 2024

Holiday - Saturday 30 March to Sunday 14 April 2024

Term 5 Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May 2024

Holiday - Saturday 25 May to Sunday 2 June 2024

Term 6 Monday 3 June to Thursday 18 July 2024

Holiday - Friday 19 July 2024 onwards

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that we do not authorise holidays during term time and advise that all holidays are booked in our academy holidays to ensure that your child is not missing essential learning time.

Allergens

We have made a recent change to our health and safety policy which will come into effect in the new academic year. From August, our trust will no longer serve any products to students that contain or may contain nuts. As most school classrooms have at least one child with a nut allergy, this decision has been made to ensure the safety of all of our students. As such, if your child brings in a breaktime snack to school, please ensure that it contains no traces of nuts. The health and safety policy has been updated with further information and is available to view on the policies section of our website, but should you require any additional information, please email info@dixonstc.com or call the academy on 0113 512 5510.

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the holiday, please email info@dixonstc.com or call the academy on 0113 512 5510.

I hope you have a fantastic summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Hickey
Head of Secondary
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