

18th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support of the Academy. The collaboration and partnership between home and the Academy is significant to its continued success to ensure our students develop into effective young people.

End of Term – 19th July 2022

The Academy will close to students at 12 noon tomorrow, Tuesday 19th July 2022. We have been monitoring the weather forecast closely and with temperatures expected to rise 40 degrees in the afternoon, the decision has been made to close at 12 noon to allow students to make the journey home before temperatures peak. We ask that parent/carers ensure students return straight home once they leave the Academy and remind them of the dangers of open water swimming and how to keep themselves safe in these extreme temperatures. School lunch will be available to students should they wish to have one before they leave. Service buses will not be offering an additional service at this time therefore please where possible make alternative arrangements. Our school minibus will be available, but only has limited capacity.

September 2022

As we prepare for the next academic year, I would like to remind you of some important information and to reiterate the expectations we have for all our students:

Attendance

We expect all students to attend the Academy each day unless there is a valid and justified reason. Students must attend to achieve and every lesson matters.

Students should arrive at the Academy by 8.15 am and at their period 1 classroom by 8.20 am. Lessons begin at 8.25 am. If parents/carers are dropping their children off at the Academy, please do so before 8.15 am.

If your child is absent from the Academy, please telephone every day on 01302 562542 or email to attendance@theallsaints.net to give a reason for absence. Staff are available to take attendance calls from 7.30am onwards; however, we do have an answering machine service out of the Academy hours from 3.30 pm until 7.30 am. Alternatively, as you are already aware, contact can be made via the new MCAS (My Child at School). It is important that you download the app to be able to receive and view information about your child.

We ask where possible to make any appointments including medical, after Academy hours. We appreciate that this may not always be possible. With that in mind, we would suggest if any appointments are to be made could they please be made towards the end of the Academy Day. This would ensure that your child misses the minimum amount of valuable learning from their lesson. We ask that where possible, students are collected

from reception for appointments by parents/carers or a responsible adult. Students must sign out at reception and follow the Academy procedures. The Academy cannot authorise all day absences for medical/doctor's appointments.

MCAS (My Child at School)

Our main form of communication between the Academy and home is electronic e.g., email, text, app message. Your child's progress, achievements and successes will be communicated in this way. Please download the MCAS app to your chosen device from the App Store or [MyChildAtSchool - Login](#) This is a free communication system.

School Meals/Cashless Catering System

You will shortly be receiving a letter giving further details about changes to our Cashless Catering system from September 2022. This new system operates via MCAS. Please ensure you read this information carefully and return the relevant consent form to the Academy.

Planners

Students must have their planners every day. This is their 'passport to learning' and is a method that we use to communicate between school and home. The school planner is used for the entire academic year and should be kept in the best condition possible, if a new planner needs to be purchased this should be done promptly.

Academy Uniform

Ensuring students are in the correct uniform is an integral and compulsory part of the Academy expectations.

All students must arrive at the Academy wearing the correct uniform. As per current guidance, it is no longer compulsory for students to have skirts or trousers containing the Delta logo. It is important however that parents/carers ensure that the uniform is of the same tailored quality and skirts must be of an acceptable length (knee length and not lycra). The Academy reserves the right to address any uniform issues that are not deemed as acceptable.

Shoes must be plain black and polishable with no embellishments, bows, or badges. Please note that no adjustments will be made to girls' shoes to cover embellishments, in particular the 'Vivienne Westwood' style shoes. Jewellery and smart watches, including fitbits, are not permitted.

May I remind parents/carers that we have arranged for SPT Uniforms to be in the Academy to run 'Pop Up Shops,' we have already had one and the second is on **Monday 8th August, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.** Uniform can be purchased, returned, ordered, or exchanged on this date.

Alternatively uniform can be purchased online via www.spt-uniforms.co.uk. If you require any financial assistance in purchasing this uniform, please contact the Finance Office at the Academy

Academy Holiday and Term dates

Please see the academy website ([Term Dates - Rossington All Saints Academy \(theallsaints.net\)](http://theallsaints.net)) for the holiday and term dates for the forthcoming academic year. Holidays taken during term time **will not** be authorised. If

you do take a holiday during term time, we will formally request the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.

School Buses

We have been informed that the school bus service has been cancelled by First Buses from September 2022. SYMCA, is an alternative provider and will hopefully secure a replacement service for students so the service can continue to operate.

School bus information for September 2022 will be available for parents and pupils at <https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-GB/LandingPage/school-buses>. Please monitor this site for up-to-date information. If you have any concerns about home to school transport for the next academic year or want further information, please contact Travel South Yorkshire via the link <https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/contact>.

Free School Meals Vouchers

Vouchers will be issued during the summer holidays. A link will be emailed out to parents/carers of students on Free School Meals to purchase food at an outlet of your choice.

New Academic Year 2022/2023

The Academy will reopen to students as follows:

Students in Year 7	Tuesday 6th September 2022
Students in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11	Wednesday 7th September 2022
Parents Evening 1	Tuesday 13th September 2022

The first parents evening of the new academic year will be with form tutors. This will be an opportunity to review the end of year assessments from last academic year and to get the new academic year off to a great start. We hope this will help to forge strong relationships between home and school as this will be a face-to-face appointment. We will be returning to vertical tutor groups in September, and we are grateful to have this back.

We wish you a happy and restful summer and look forward to seeing all students in September.

Yours sincerely



Rob Burton
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