

Tuesday, 11 July 2023

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 – 21st July 2023

Friday 21st of July will be an academy rewards day in school with the opportunity for students to take part in activities including indoor and outdoor sports, inflatables, music, and rewards assemblies. All students will be allowed to wear non uniform on this day. (Please note that offensive slogans on T-shirts or revealing tops / crop tops / skirts / shorts are not allowed and the academy rules of jewellery and make up still apply.)

Weather permitting, some activities will be taking place outside so students are encouraged to bring sun cream and their reusable water bottle. There will also be an ice cream van so students will need to bring money if they wish to purchase an ice cream.

The Academy will close to students at 1pm on 21st July 2023. 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 2023

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

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 Photographs

We have arranged for a photographer to come into school on Wednesday 13th September to take photographs of students in all year groups. You will be able to order the photographs directly from the photography company and they will be delivered to your home address.

School Meals/Cashless Catering System and our new menu

From September 2023, the academy will be cashless and the machines where students can top up their school meal accounts will be removed. You can top up your son/daughters account through the MCAS app or

alternatively you can request a PayPoint barcode by contacting the finance department (finance@theallsaints.net).

The academy is moving to new menus from September 2023, they are available to view on the academy website: [Catering - Rossington All Saints Academy \(theallsaints.net\)](https://www.theallsaints.net).

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 you are dropping your children off at the Academy, please do so before 8.15 am.

If your child is absent from the Academy, please send a message via the My Child at School App every day to give a reason for the absence. Staff are also available to take attendance calls from 8.00am onwards; however, where possible we would ask that you use the app.

We ask where possible to make any appointments including medical, after academy hours. If this is not possible, we would suggest any appointments are made towards the end of the academy day, so that your child misses the minimum amount of valuable learning from their lesson. Where possible, students should be collected from reception for appointments by parents/carers or a responsible adult. Please provide proof of the appointment to allow us to authorise the absence, the academy cannot authorise all day absences for medical/doctor's appointments.

Security Fencing

Additional security fencing will shortly be installed at the front of the academy. Once this is installed, parents will not be able to use the turning circle to drop students off or collect them after school. If you do need to drive, we would ask that you park safely in an appropriate place away from the school entrance to help protect all members of our school community. We would also ask that you show consideration to our neighbours by not blocking the entrance to their properties.

If there is a physical need for students or parents to park/drop off on school site, naturally, this will be accommodated by contacting your child's Learning Manager.

I would like to remind parents of the following in the main car park:

The speed limit in the school car park is 5 MPH.

Please do not block cars already parked or double park your car as this is a hazard to other vehicles entering and exiting our car park and therefore could endanger our students when they are exiting our school.

Our only concern is to create a safer environment for our students as they arrive at and leave school.

Thank you, in advance, for working with us to create a culture where children's safety is our priority and unsafe parking is seen as unacceptable.

Planners, Knowledge Organiser and Reading Book

Students must have their planners, Knowledge Organiser and reading book every day. These are all an essential part of their learning equipment. The planner is their 'passport to learning' and is a method that we

use to communicate between school and home. Students will be given a new knowledge organiser at different points throughout the year. The reading book will be tracked through our academy 'Reading Routes' programme. All this equipment is used throughout the entire academic year and should be kept in the best condition possible, if a new equipment needs to be purchased this should be done promptly through the online payments section of the MCAS app.

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. The Academy reserves the right to address any uniform issues that are deemed as unacceptable.

Blazer – These will now carry a coloured logo and not the silver logo. This is for year 7 only this year, and then this will progress through the academy over the next few years (i.e., 2023 – Year 7 only, 2024 – Year 7 & 8 only etc). SPT Uniforms are aware of this, and amendments will be made to their website and the shop to ensure that only year 7 obtain the coloured logo blazer and then the other year groups will be able to continue to access the silver logo.

Tie – the year 7 tie this year will move to match the primary tie (this is where the silver stripe in the tie is yellow) This again will move through the academy each year, meaning that this year year7 will be in the new tie and then other year groups will remain in the silver tie.

Removal of other branded items – In line with the requirements of new uniform guidance from the government, trouser and skirts will no longer be branded with the Delta logo, this will enable parents to buy products from other suppliers and local supermarkets, making the uniform more affordable. The style of trouser and skirts does not change– SPT Uniforms will still provide unbranded items for parents to purchase, but this is parental choice.

Pre-Loved Service – SPT Uniforms are also currently developing a preloved service. This is to be an additional offering to parents. This service will enable parents to donate uniform that students have grown out of, back to the Pre-Loved Shop and for this they will then receive a discount code against their next order. These items will then be checked and laundered by SPT Uniforms, and then these will be available for parents to purchase in the SPT uniforms website at a discounted price. Further details of this service will follow shortly, as the new website to facilitate this is currently in the testing phase.

Skirts

If students choose to wear a skirt as part of their uniform this must be pleated, black, and knee length. Non branded pleated skirts can be purchased directly through SPT, our uniform suppliers, or alternatively they can be purchased from other school uniform suppliers and local supermarkets. Plain black tights must be worn with a skirt, a minimum of 40 denier.

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.

We have arranged for SPT Uniforms to run a 'Pop Up Shop' in the academy on Thursday 24th August, **10.30 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.

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.

School Buses

School bus information for September 2023 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>.

New Academic Year 2023/2024

The Academy will reopen to students as follows:

Students in Year 7 and 11

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Students in Year 8, 9, 10

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and restful summer and look forward to seeing all students in September.

Yours sincerely



Rob Burton
Principal