

11 July 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

**Re: End & Beginning of Term Arrangements**

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for their resilience, hard work and positive attitude over the course of this year. I would also like to extend my thanks to parents and carers for your continued support and feedback.

Due to the Jubilee bank holiday taking place during the May Half Term break, Leeds City Council have provided all schools in Leeds with an additional holiday day at the end of this term. As a result, our final day in school will be **Tuesday 26 July**.

Tuesday 26 July will be a normal school day, with lessons taking place as normal. The academy will close early to all students at the end of period 3 at 12.30pm.

Any student who is entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect lunch from the dining hall at break time via a grab bag. Further information will be provided to students during Form Time on Monday 25 July.

As I am sure you will be aware, there have been many successes over the course of this academic year, of which our students and staff should be very proud. Some highlights include:

- Being awarded the very prestigious award of ‘School of Sanctuary’.
- Having 348 of our students regularly take part in at least one enrichment ++ activity each week.
- Our students competing against other Gorse academies in ‘Gorse Games’ and winning at the Volleyball
- John Smeaton Academy coming second in the Gorse debating competition, narrowly missing first place by one point.
- Our new and prestigious House System being launched
- The introduction of JSA Student Ambassadors of whom have already started to make some significant decisions within the academy.
- Performing our very first academy production. This was the popular musical, ‘Grease’. The new production to be announced before the end of term!
- Over 200 of students remain in the 100% Attendance Club as we approach the summer and therefore will gain access to our Summer Fest celebration in July.

**Return date and times**

In order to support a smooth transition back to school in September, the below table outlines the date and time that students are required to return to school. It is important that students are punctual on the first day to ensure that they get all the key messages upon their return.

| Year group     | Return to school date | Arrival time    |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Year 7</b>  | Wednesday 7 September | 8.20 – 8.30am   |
| <b>Year 11</b> | Wednesday 7 September | 9.20 – 9.30am   |
| <b>Year 10</b> | Wednesday 7 September | 10.00 – 10.10am |
| <b>Year 9</b>  | Wednesday 7 September | 10.40 – 10.50am |
| <b>Year 8</b>  | Wednesday 7 September | 11.20 – 11.30am |

This phased return will allow for all students to have the opportunity to complete an induction day where they will be reintroduced to the academy spaces, classroom routines and behaviour expectations.

### The School Day

Following our recent consultation, please be reminded of the changes to the school day for September 2022:

|   |                |                             |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Registration (Including Personal Development) | 8.30-9.10am    |                             |
| Period 1                                      | 9.10-10.10am   |                             |
| Period 2                                      | 10.10-11.30am  | Break A (KS3) 10.10-10.30am |
|   |                | Break B (KS4) 11.10-11.30am |
| Period 3                                      | 11.30-12.30pm  |                             |
| Period 4                                      | 12.30-2.00pm   | Lunch A (KS3) 12.30-1.00pm  |
|   |                | Lunch B (KS4) 1.30-2.00pm   |
| Period 5                                      | 2.00-3.00pm    |                             |
| Enrichment ++                                 | 3.00pm onwards |                             |
| Study + Sessions for Year 11                  | 3.00pm onwards |                             |

From 8 September, the academy will open from 8.20am for all students to access the dining provision where a free breakfast will be available for all students should they wish to access this.

### Term dates 2022-2023

To support you in planning for next year, please see the term dates for your child for the academic year 2022-2023:

| Term or holiday           | Starts                | Ends                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Autumn term (First half)  | Wednesday 7 September | Thursday 20 October |
| Half term                 | Monday 24 October     | Friday 28 October   |
| Autumn term (second half) | Monday 31 October     | Friday 16 December  |
| Christmas holiday         | Monday 19 December    | Monday 2 January    |
| Spring term (first half)  | Tuesday 3 January     | Friday 10 February  |
| Half term                 | Monday 13 February    | Friday 17 February  |
| Spring term (second half) | Monday 20 February    | Friday 31 March     |
| Easter holiday            | Monday 3 April        | Friday 14 April     |
| Summer term (first half)  | Monday 17 April       | Friday 26 May       |
| May bank holiday          | Monday 1 May          | Monday 1 May        |
| Half term                 | Monday 29 May         | Friday 2 June       |
| Summer term (second half) | Monday 5 June         | Tuesday 25 July     |

### Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Days 2022-2023

In order to ensure that professionals have the most up to date training within an academic year, the academy will have 5 CPD days. On these dates, the academy will be closed for students. The dates of these can be found below:

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CPD day 1</b> | Monday 5 September  |
| <b>CPD day 2</b> | Tuesday 6 September |
| <b>CPD day 3</b> | Friday 21 October   |
| <b>CPD day 4</b> | Wednesday 15 March  |
| <b>CPD day 5</b> | Tuesday 4 July      |

If you have any questions in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us via telephone (0113) 831 3900 or email [enquiries@johnsmeatonacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@johnsmeatonacademy.org.uk)

I wish you a relaxing and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully

Ms Gill  
**Principal**