

16th December 2020

End of Term Updates for Parents / Carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Newsletter

Our end of term newsletter is on our website at:

<https://www.airedaleacademy.com/images/media/doc/end-of-term-newsletter-dec-2020.pdf>

Please take the time to see what has been happening at the Academy since September!

Year 7 Class Changes

As you are already aware, all students in Year 7 sat a series of Cognitive Ability Tests before October Half Term. This has enabled the academy to profile the year group in terms of strengths and areas for development, in lieu of SATs testing. As a result of this information, we are placing Year 7 into sets from January, which will enable teachers to pitch the content and pace of lessons at the most suitable level to meet the needs of that particular group of students. The year group will be dual-banded, so there will be two of each ability banded sets (1-4) across the year group- entitled A and C, a nod to our locality and the Aire and Calder Navigation! Year 7 students will receive new timetables and class changes will be coordinated on the first morning back in school in January.

Trinity Castleford Mission

We are so very proud of the generosity of our students, staff and families. Despite 2020 being such a challenging year for everyone, our community has blown us away with their donations. We can't thank-you enough for sharing the Christmas spirit of giving with those less fortunate.

Uniform Reminders

As we continue to experience adverse weather, we are happy for our students to wear a plain black v-neck jumper or cardigan (no logos or sweatshirts) underneath their blazer. Please remind your son / daughter that this to be worn with their blazer not instead of it. Please support us be making sure that your child also has appropriate school shoes and not trainers.

End of Term Arrangements

Students can come in Christmas jumpers or non-uniform on Thursday 17th December. No fancy dress please. This is a full school day with normal start and finish times for all students. Students will have timetabled lessons periods 1 to 4 and will be in Form Time period 5. As per our previous communication, Friday 18th December is an Inset Day and the Academy is closed to students.

Information & Guidance for Reporting of positive Covid-19 cases during the Christmas holidays

If a student tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and their symptoms started more than 48 hours since being in school (from anytime on Sunday 20th December onwards), parents/carers **do not need to notify school** and should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and

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Trace. **If a student tests positive and develops symptoms within 48 hours** of having been in school (up to midnight on Saturday 19th December), please alert the school in the usual way (by emailing covid@airedaleacademy.com). Parents and carers should notify school in the normal way on the first day of term if their child will be absent due to illness or isolation.

Thank-you for your continued support in these extremely difficult times. I hope that you have a safe and wonderful holiday with your family. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Yours faithfully,



Miss L Proctor
Principal