Our Ref: NCA/JAS

15 December 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all of your support over the last term. We really appreciate your help to ensure that your son/daughter is equipped and ready to learn every day.

I hope that your child has had a good autumn term and is looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas break. As per our previous communication the academy closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday, 16 December 2022 at 1.00 pm. Friday will be a non-uniform dress down day to collect a donation of 50p for The Good Shepherd Trust in Wolverhampton.

As of 1 January 2023, Wednesfield High Academy will be transferring to the Matrix Academy Trust from University of Wolverhampton Multi-Academy Trust. Matrix Academy Trust has an exemplary track record for school improvement and we are looking forward to joining a Trust which will be able to provide further support to help us progress, in addition to the progress our academy has already made.

We are still waiting to receive the report following our recent Ofsted inspection, once we are in receipt of this, we will share with you.

All students will return to the academy on Wednesday, 4 January 2023 at the normal time of 8.30 am.

The spring term calendar for the new term has been published on our academy website for your information.

We have high standards in terms of our uniform at the academy and wish to maintain these. Please read our separate 'Standards' Information which sets out our clear expectations with regards to:

- Uniform, Piercings and Hair Colour
- Equipment
- Mobile Phones
- Banned Items
- **Contact Procedures**
- Student Absence
- **Medical Needs**

We expect all students to come back to the academy in January wearing the correct academy uniform. Please use the Christmas break to ensure that your child is correctly dressed when we return.







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Timings of the Academy Day

The start and finish times for the academy will not change, however we will be making changes to the timings within the academy day. This includes the introduction of a split morning break which will increase to 20 minutes where students in Key Stage 3 will be in our Dining Room on break together, followed by Key Stages 4 and 5 being together.

We will continue our split lunch, however from January all students in Key Stage 3 will dine together followed by students in Key Stages 4 and 5. All students will <u>only</u> be allowed to eat food whether purchased in our Dining Room or brought in from home, in the Dining Room and extension where they must be sat down on a seat.

8.00 am Entry for students – Breakfast Club

8.30 am Morning Registration and Form Time activities

9.10 am Lesson 1

10.10 - 11.30 am Lesson 2, to include split morning break*

11.30 am Lesson 3

12.30 - 2.00 pm Lesson 4 and Lunch*

2.00 pm Lesson 5

3.00 pm End of academy day/Enrichment and Academic Intervention Tuesday and

Wednesday

4.00 pm Enrichment and Academic Intervention ends

***Break** 10.10 – 10.30 am Key Stage 3 Break (Years 7, 8 and 9)

11.10 - 11.30 am Key Stages 4 and 5 Break (Years 10, 11, 12 and 13)

***Lunch** 12.30 – 1.00 pm Key Stage 3 Family Lunch (Years 7, 8 and 9)

1.30 - 2.00 pm Key Stages 4 and 5 Family Lunch (Years 10, 11, 12 and

13)

As is usual at the end of a term, colleagues move on to pastures new. We are saddened that Mrs Endsor one of our Student Support Leaders will be leaving us on Friday. Mrs Endsor (formerly Miss Hands) will be starting an opportunity outside of education in the new year. We wish to thank Mrs Endsor for the countless young people and their families who have been helped and supported during her time at Wednesfield High Academy and wish her well for the future.

Miss Hannon will be the named Student Support Leader for both Years 10 and 11.

Thank you once again for your continued assistance, we hope that you have a relaxing and peaceful festive season with your family and we look forward to welcoming your child back in the new year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Carpenter Headteacher





