



THE BRUNTS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and you are looking forward to the half term holiday ahead.

We have had a strong and successful half term at The Brunts Academy. This has included a positive review of our school improvement strategy and the impact our work is having on the academy environment and teaching and learning for our students. Whilst we are proud of the progress being made we are acutely aware there remains lots for us to do in order to achieve the highest of ambitions we have for our academy community. Thank you for your continued support during this journey.

This term students have worked hard with their teachers and staff to prepare for end of topic assessments and the final GCSE and A Level examination. In order to best prepare for these final examinations, students in Y11 and Y13 they are expected to attend the academy as per their timetable. Further details will follow about the Y11 leavers assembly and when study leave will be issued to Y11. We are also very proud of year 10 students who have completed a successful week of work experience and learnt so much about the working world and their potential career aspirations. Thank you to the businesses and employers who have supported our students in this experience which is invaluable. There have been many successful sports events this term including inclusive athletics, football, netball and rugby for KS3 students. Our sixth form netball team has had the first of their fixtures playing against West Notts College. Our year 12 computer science students enjoy #stepintocyber event at Nottingham University. A range of students have published edition 5 of our own student newspaper "The Griffin".

On our return to the academy on Monday 3rd June, we have many events to look forward to and further details will be shared closer to the time. We are excited to announce two new events added to our academy calendar. The achievement awards and sports award evening strengthen our rewards structure to celebrate some of the fantastic achievements of our young people this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

A summary of key dates next half term is included below.

Key dates for your calendar for Half Term 6 are included below:

Date	Events
17 – 28 th June	Y10/12 mock exams
20 th June	Y6 Preparing your child for secondary 4-5pm/5-6pm
28 th June	Y11 Prom @ John Fretwell
2-4 th July	Y6 Transition
3 rd July	Academy Awards evening
4 th July	Sports awards

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16 th July	Arts Summer Celebration
22 nd – 23 rd July	Y11 / Y12 Transition
24 th July	Sports day
15 th July	Year group rewards visits

Single Lunch

Following the success of the single break this term we are looking to implementing a single lunch time for all students next half term. Currently, lunch breaks are staggered, which can lead to logistical challenges and limited opportunities for social interaction. A single lunch time will promote a more inclusive and cohesive school community because it would:

- Improve the capacity for student supervision
- Give the ability to offer enrichment and academic intervention sessions for students
- Improve the climate for learning since lessons aren't taking place during unstructured time

Moving to a single break has proven to be very successful. The benefits of this have enabled much greater supervision of students during this unstructured time period and created a calmer climate for learning given lessons are not taking place whilst other students are on break.

Plan of the school day from Monday 3rd June for all students

Student arrival via Bath Lane only From 07:30 for breakfast club, then 08:00am onwards, to be onsite by 08:21	Tutor 08:25-08:45am	P1 lesson 08:45-09:45am	P2 lesson 09:45-10:45am	Break 10:45-11:10 am (25mins)	P3 lesson 11:10-12:10 pm	P4 lesson 12:10-13:10 pm	Lunch 13:10-13:45 pm (35mins)	P5 lesson 13:45-14:45pm	End of the School Day opportunity for enrichment and extra-curricular learning
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As part of the next steps, we are working on plans to expand our lunch servery and restaurant space to provide more indoor seating for students and a more efficient service. Furthermore, we are looking at outdoor covered space options that provide additional capacity for seating. The inclusion of a broad enrichment and intervention offer will also provide many of our students with opportunities to participate in activities during lunch time too.

Please note that students sitting afternoon exams in Y11 and Y13 go to lunch at a slightly earlier time of 11:50am to allow them to attend exam boosters, eat and rest before going to the exam hall / room in plenty of time.

Lastly, thank you also for your feedback around the proposals for the slightly revised school day (September 2024). There will be more to come on this after half term.

Best wishes to you and your families for the May half term break. We look forward to welcoming all students back to the academy on Monday 3rd June.



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Principal