



# THE BRUNTS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and celebrate the end of another academic year at The Brunts Academy.

I feel very proud to be the Principal of this academy and we continue to strive to ensure we become a centre of excellence, working tirelessly to provide the education that our students and this community deserves. The educational landscape is continually changing but as an academy we are committed to doing the very best for everyone. Our values remain the same, and guide us daily, in our work.

Your child will continue be at the heart of everything we do, and our team of skilled, hardworking staff remain committed to giving them the best experiences possible both academically and personally. We know how valuable each academy day is, and we want our students to be happy, safe and to access an exciting and broad curriculum. Our aim is to work closely with our families, you know your child best, and we believe that working together is the best way to ensure success.

It has been a very busy last few weeks, with lots of high-profile events including the Prom, Drama productions, Celebration Assemblies, Achievement and Sports Awards evenings, the return of 'staff strictly come dancing' and the continued success of our sporting teams. Student end of year rewards trips have also been a valuable opportunity to say "thank you and well done" to our amazing students. Furthermore, we welcomed our new Year 6 students at the start of July and our Year 10 cohort recently went out on a very successful work experience programme. The Brunts Academy continues to strive to offer the very best experiences for all our students.

## **Results Days**

Just a brief reminder that '**A' Level results' day is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August and GCSE results day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. A Level results can be collected from 9.00- 11.30am from the common room and AS results from 10.30am-11.00am. GCSE results can be collected from 9.00-11.30am from the Sports Hall.** I wish our Y13 and Y11 students the very best and can say that they have impressed all the staff with their efforts over the last few months. The staff and students have worked extremely hard to ensure that every individual has been given the best chance of success. There will be a separate letter coming to all year 11 and 13 parents shortly which will outline our reflections from this year and our plans to support students in their preparations for next summer's examinations.

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### **September return arrangements**

To prepare students for the new academic year we have staggered the start of the return of different cohorts. The exact starting time for each year group can be found below:

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

**Y7, Y11 and Y12 return to the academy.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Year group</b>	<b>Report to</b>
8:30am	Y7	Meet tutors on the <b>hard area</b>
8:30am	Y11	Meet tutors on the <b>tennis courts</b>
8:30am	Y12	<b>Common room</b> (upstairs Dalton)

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**All year groups return to the academy. Please see timetable below when year groups should arrive to the academy.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Year group</b>	<b>Report to</b>
8:30am	Y7	Tutor group room
8:30am	Y8	Meet tutors on the <b>hard area</b>
8:30am	Y9	Meet tutors on the <b>tennis courts</b>
8:30am	Y10	Meet tutors on the <b>astro</b>
<b><u>11:20am</u></b>	Y11	Arrive on site and attend Tutor Group
8:30am	Y12	Tutor group room
8:30am	Y13	<b>Common room</b>

All Year groups will attend lessons period 4 and 5 on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

All students need to be onsite by 8:25am to follow a full academy day, beginning at 8:30am, in full school uniform with all equipment.

The students will be given their timetable on their first day back which will operate on a **two-week basis**. Tutors will go through this change carefully with students on their induction, so they can adjust to the new timetable structure. We hope that this will improve students experience of the curriculum and equity of this across the subjects. Additionally, our inclusion team will host a series of 'great start' meetings across the first few days for some of our more vulnerable children to ensure they have a smooth return to the academy after the long break.

## Uniform and Equipment

We hold high expectations on uniform, and can I please ask that you check our uniform guidelines on the academy website here: [The Brunts Academy - Uniform and Basic Equipment](#) before purchasing any new uniform items over the holidays.

A summary can be found below:

Trousers	Black Loose fitting and to the ankle No jeans or leggings.
Skirts	Black Knee-length S cut in shape Not stretchy material
Shirt	White Stiff collar Long or short sleeve Always tucked in
Tie	Brunts tie should be always worn
School blazer	Must be always worn (Summer adjustments are made as appropriate)
Footwear	Black shoes or boots Polishable shoe i.e. no suede or canvass No buckles or adornments Boots should not be visible i.e. not worn with a skirt or with trousers tucked into them
Nails	No false nails/gel nails/acrylics <u>at all</u> Natural/neutral colours, no coloured nail varnish Not longer than fingertip. No nail art
Jewellery	One ring on one hand One pair of plain ear studs in the lower lobe, no other piercings (clear plastic retainer may be worn) No bracelets or necklaces Watches are allowed, but not smart watches
Hair	Natural colours Sensible haircuts i.e. artwork cut into hair is not permitted
Make up	Natural looking make-up only – discretely applied No false eyelashes allowed
Coats	Outdoor coats to be worn outside only. No hoodies are permitted in the academy at all. Leather or denim jackets are not permitted

Can I also take the opportunity to remind you that students should be **fully equipped** with a black pen, a green pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, and calculator. All students also need an appropriate school bag (not a handbag) large enough to hold PE kit and an A4 size folder; a rucksack is ideal.

## Structure of the Academy Day

Last term I wrote to you to let you know that we have made some minor changes to the start and end times of the academy day. As a reminder, students are expected on the academy site no later than **8:25am, ready to learn in tutor group by 8:35am**. The school day **will finish at 3:00pm**. All children are encouraged to attend after school enrichment and extra-curricular activities and the new timetable for this will be posted on the academy website. As I have mentioned previously, we feel this change will support all of us in ensuring a better education for your child.

## **Staffing**

This time of year, is always tinged with a hint of sadness as we say goodbye to several of our outstanding staff; some for pastures new, some for the wonderful challenges of retirement. As we end the academic year, I want to reassure you that considering a recruitment crisis within the profession we are only seeing a handful of staff moving on which is remarkable.

I want to publicly thank Mrs K Hollingsworth who has served us for 23 years, she goes into a well-earned retirement as does Mr M Fiddimore and Mr J Kirkland. We also say goodbye to several teaching staff, and we wish them all the best in their new roles. I am pleased to inform parents/carers that the appointments we have made will further strengthen the experiences for our students. With maternity leave and a couple of in-year adjustments, it has created an unavoidable need for long term cover teachers. Our position here will be very different come September as all vacancies have been filled and we are excited to welcome our new, experienced staff members to the Brunts family. Furthermore, we have recruited two additional in-house cover teachers, giving us a team of three, to ensure our students get a more consistent experience when teachers are absent. This will make a huge difference.

## **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, final day of term**

It is a late finish to the end of term, and to accommodate arrangements that families have at this busy time the **academy will close for the summer break on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at a slightly earlier time of 12:30pm**. There will not be a timetabled lunchtime on this day. Those students who need to get lunch will be provided a **grab and go lunch** option to take home with them. Break time will remain unchanged.

I thank you for your continued support of the academy. I hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming students back in September.

Take care of yourself, each other, and have a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully



**Miss R Sutcliffe  
(Principal)**