

Dudley Academies Trust

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Ref: EEM/TLA/End Term/lw
July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Academic Year 2023/24 (Secondary)

As we come to the end of the academic year, I want to provide details regarding the end of this term and our term dates and times for 2023/24. On Friday 21st July 2023, our secondary academies will close at 1.00pm. to all staff and learners, therefore learners will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

Our 2023/24 Academic Year will commence with an Inset Day for staff on Monday 4th September 2023, with learners returning to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Return plans for All learners on Tuesday 5th September are as follows:

Year 7 to arrive at 8:40am where they will meet their form tutors on the playground.
Years 8-11 to arrive at 10.00am and will go straight to their form room.

Term dates for the next academic year are outlined below. This information alongside timings of the school day etc. can be found on the academy website under the Parents & Carers tab.

2023/24 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Start - Monday 4th September 2023 (Inset Day)
Half Term - Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023
End - Friday 22nd December 2023

Inset Days 2023/24

Inset Day - Monday 4th September 2023
Inset Day - Friday 24th November 2023
Inset Day - Friday 22nd December 2023
Inset Day - Monday 22nd July 2024

Spring Term 2024

Start - Monday 8th January 2024
Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024
End - Friday 22nd March 2024
Inset Day - Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Start - Monday 8th April 2024
Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024
End - Monday 22nd July 2024
Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024



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Changes to the Academy Day

Following the recent consultation on proposed changes to timings of the academy day, the proposed changes have been approved by the Board of Trustees and will commence from September 2023.

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to the consultation. All views expressed via the consultation have been reviewed and considered. It is important to note that the Government have set the expectation that all schools are open to learners for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week and the changes proposed are required to meet this expectation for all learners. We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on our learners' education.

New Academy Day Timings 2023-2024

Year 7 and 9 School Day

Session	Timings
Form	8.40am-9:10am
Lesson 1	9.10am-10:10am
Lesson 2	10.10am-11.10am
Break	11.10am-11.30am
Lesson 3	11.30am-12.30pm
Lesson Four	12.30pm-1.30pm
Lunch	1.30pm-2.10pm
Lesson 5	2.10pm – 3.10pm

Year 8, 10 and 11 School Day

Session	Timings
Form	8.40am -9.10am
Lesson 1	9.10am -10.10am
Break	10.10am -10.30am
Lesson 2	10.30am -11.30am
Lesson 3	11.30am-12.30pm
Lunch	12.30pm -1.10pm
Lesson 4	1.10pm -2.10pm
Lesson 5	2.10pm -3.10pm
Y11 only Upgrade	3.20pm -4.00pm

I am extremely proud of our Trust and I want to thank every learner, parent, carer and member of staff for their hard work and commitment during this year.

We look forward to seeing our Year 11 learners on results day, Thursday 24th August 2023 where they can continue to 'Dream Big' and progress onto positive destinations.

I hope you have a restful and safe summer.

Yours faithfully,

Jo Higgins
Chief Executive



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