

To All Parents and Carers

April 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

As another term draws to a close I would like to thank you for your continued support of our children and let you know the arrangements for the end of the Spring Term and the start of the Summer Term 2017.

Students break-up for Easter at the normal time on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. The following day is a staff training day and the academy is therefore closed to students on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April until Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, unless arrangements have been made for Y11 students to attend exam booster/revision sessions. These sessions help students to achieve the best results possible during their upcoming exams, and your support is requested in ensuring that your child attends all sessions arranged for them. If you have any queries regarding them please contact Mrs Wilkinson, Year 11 Co-ordinator. The academy re-opens at the normal time on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April which is a timetable Week 1.

### **Advance Notice of a Timetable and School Day Change from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

As you know we currently have an early finish for students on a Monday of Week 2 to facilitate opportunities for staff training. This is a legacy from the original 'Trust 4 Learning' Rye Hills School was a member of. As we are now part of Nunthorpe Multi Academy Trust we no longer need to do this. The Executive Principal and I think that the time would be better spent with our students learning in school, in our drive to further raise student progress. Therefore once we start the new timetable on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, students will need to be at school till 3:15pm every day. The hour will be part of the curriculum timetable and will allow an extra hour of learning every fortnight.

To assist with those wanting to start booking holidays during the next academic year, I have listed the term and PD day dates for 2017/2018 on page 2 of this letter; our Spring Newsletter is on page 3.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family an enjoyable Easter break.

Best wishes



**Mrs C. Waugh**  
Head of School

## SCHOOL TERM / PD DAY DATES 2017/2018

Description	From	To
PD Day 1	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017 <i>(school closed to students)</i>	
Autumn Term (1)	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
October half-term holiday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Autumn Term (2)	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017
PD Day 2	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 <i>(school closed to students)</i>	
Christmas holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Spring Term (1)	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
PD Day 3	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 <i>(school closed to students)</i>	
February half-term holiday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Spring Term (2)	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Easter holidays	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Summer Term (1)	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Bank holiday	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	
May half-term holiday	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018
Summer Term (2)	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
PD Day 4	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 <i>(school closed to students)</i>	
PD Day 5	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018 <i>(school closed to students)</i>	

## EASTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

**Tees-Valley Trampoline Tournament:** Leon Peel (Y11) and Will Todd (Y10) qualified for the Tees-Valley Trampoline Tournament and Leon came 3rd in the Intermediate U16 group.

**The U13 Netball Team** won the end of year tournament for Redcar Schools and go through to represent Redcar on the 22 June against the other districts. Very well done to *Abi Turner, Tegan Lessels, Anya Snaith, Olivia Harrison, Isabelle Bailey, Lauren Hanson, Leticia Jones, Maddy Hodgson, Kaitlyn Jester and Phoebe Giles.*

**The U14 Netball Team** came 2nd in the Redcar School League, just losing to Laurence Jackson. Well done to *Abi Turner, Tegan Lessels, Anya Snaith, Olivia Harrison, Isabelle Bailey, Lauren Hanson, Leticia Jones, Maddy Hodgson, Kaitlyn Jester and Phoebe Giles.* Also, *Leah Rutherford, Ophelia Formstone-Telfer, Grace Barnes, Erica Leng, Abi Kelly, Liberty Mitchell, Kim Briggs and Katie Ditchburn*

**The U12 Netball Team** came 7th in the Redcar School League. Well done for taking part to *Elle Birkbeck, Ellie Green, Libby Smart, Anna Anderson, Freya Humble, Annabel McIlvenny, Samantha Lee, Sophie Stephenson, Mia Rose, Evie Hodgson, Ruby Ayres, Cassidy Taylor and Erin Young.*

**Welcome to Wonderland** - During the Spring half term a number of KS3 students have been participating in the 'Welcome to Wonderland' writing competition. Entries will be posted shortly and we will have our fingers crossed to see which of our budding young authors will have their work published later in the year.

**King's College Cambridge Access Bus visited on Tuesday 21st March:** Five King's undergraduate students travelled to the North East to work with Year 10 students in the state sector through a series of games and activities designed to raise aspirations and provide information about University opportunities. The students who took part were a credit to the academy.

Topics covered in the session included considering university, the variety of subjects available, student timetables, extra-curricular opportunities, finance, making friends, types of accommodation, entrance requirements, career prospects and applying to Cambridge.

**Rye Hills has Talent** – took place on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April showcasing some of the amazingly talented students we have, here at Rye Hills Academy. An enjoyable evening was had by all those who attended.

**GCSE Art Exhibition opening night** – Will be taking place Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to showcase the wonderful work produced by the Year 11 students during their GCSE art exam.

