

21st June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The sunshine has appeared! I hope this has brightened the end of everyone's week. It is difficult to believe we only have 4 weeks left to the summer break.

Thank you: to all parents, carers and pupils' who are supporting our drive to ensure all of our pupils look smart and arrive to school and lessons on time. This is a core expectation of our pupils, and we are pleased to see so many meeting our standards – a quick reminder that there is a PowerPoint on the letters page on our website which helps you know what is, *and isn't* accepted for uniform and shoes (<https://www.birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk/whole-school/> - 7th June under parent and community bulletins).

INSET days 2024-25: These are now on the school website for future reference. The INSET days for staff training are below – these are the days that school is open to staff for training, but pupils are not expected to be in school.

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Friday 6th December 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 27th June 2025

Term dates are also on the website. There will be information shared with all parents and carers before the end of term about start day and times for each year group in September.

Environment: We are looking to improve our environmental impact here at Birley Academy, and as such, would like to start by encouraging pupils to bring their own reusable water bottle to school, so that we can start to reduce the plastic waste from bottles of water bought in the dining room. We are also keen to 'be more green' in the new academic year, so if you have suggestions as to how we could recycle, re-use or improve our impact on the environment, please get in touch!

Performing Arts Faculty presents: An evening of Dance and Music! On Wednesday 26th June at 6pm, our pupils (and staff) present a showcase of dance and music. Entry is £2. They would love to have support from our community!

Assessments: Year 10 are in the midst of their mock exams, a reminder that 'little and often' revision can be much more effective than 'cramming' the night before, along with a good night's sleep and lots of water.

SEND: A reminder, every Tuesday evening from 3 – 5pm we offer an open-door drop-in service where parents/carers can discuss their son/daughter's SEND needs.





Dates for the diary:

- **Y11 prom** - Thursday 27th June – The culmination of 11 years in education. Well done Year 11 and we cannot wait to celebrate your prom with you!
- **Duke of Edinburgh Expedition** -28th and 29th June – lets hope the weather holds out for you all!
- **P16 taster day at Sheffield College** – 1st, 2nd July – Year 10 only. Remember to have signed up!
- **Transition 8th- 10th July** – New year 6 pupils joining us in September will be at the Academy from July 8th to 10th. I know all of our current pupils will make them feel very welcome, and lead by example with good behaviour and smart uniforms!

School Photographs: The whole school photographs are booked in for *Monday 9th September*. All pupils will be invited to have their school photograph taken and there will be links provided for all parents & carers to purchase these if they wish.

Blazers: As the weather warms up, I will update pupils each day as to being allowed to remove blazers around the school building. Please ensure they attend school in full uniform, including blazers - shirts, ties and correct trousers/skirts and shoes will be expected to be worn.

Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing all of our pupils on Monday.

Warm regards,

Victoria Hall
Headteacher

