

8 July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: End / Beginning of term arrangements

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take the time to confirm the arrangements for both the conclusion of this school year and the beginning of the next.

End of term arrangements

As we come to the end of what has been another excellent year for The Farnley Academy, the academy's Summer Concert will take place on Wednesday, 17 July 2019 (7.00 pm) in the Auditorium. We would be delighted if you were able to join us for this event; as always it promises to be an enjoyable evening with an array of musical talent on offer from students across all year groups.

School will close on Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 12.10 pm. On this day students will undertake normal lessons and will have a normal break time food service. Students will be allowed to leave site at 12.10 pm but if required, can remain on site until 2.50 pm. Sandwiches will be available for students who will remain with us until the end of the day. Please contact us as soon as possible at info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk to let us know if your child will be remaining with us until 2.50pm.

It is important to emphasise that Wednesday, 24 July 2019 is a normal school day where normal lessons will be taking place and Positive Discipline expectations remain in place. Non-attendance of students will be investigated carefully and where early holidays are taken, fines will be issued through the normal attendance channels.

The academy will be open as usual for GCSE results day which this year is on Thursday, 22 August 2019; students wishing to collect their GCSE results can do so from 10.00 am in the Auditorium. A team of professionals will be on hand to support students in completing the enrolment process for their chosen provider. Students wishing to enrol at Elliott Hudson College, will be able to complete this process onsite at The Farnley Academy. Parents are welcome to attend with their son or daughter.

Start of term arrangements

Monday, 2 September 2019 and Tuesday, 3 September 2019 will be staff training days. Students will not be required to attend school on these days.

The first day back for all students will be Wednesday, 4 September 2019. On this day there will be a staggered start to the day:

- Year 7 will arrive for an 8.30 am start;
- Year 8 will arrive for a 9.20 am start;

- Year 9 will arrive for a 10.10 am start;
- Year 10 will arrive for an 11.00 am start;
- Year 11 will arrive for an 11.40 am start.

Upon arrival to school, students will be required to assemble **behind the Bronte building** where their form tutor will meet them and take them to assembly. After assembly, students will spend the remainder of the school day in their form group and will have scheduled appropriate break / lunch slots. The purpose of the first day back will be to go through school expectations, issue timetables and provide students with other key information. **It is absolutely vital that your child attends school on this day. Non-attendance will be detrimental to their successful return to school.**

Thursday, 5 September 2019 will be a normal school day and students will go to lessons according to their personal timetable.

2019/20 Training Days

Please be advised that the academy will be closed to students on the following days for staff training:

- Monday 2 September 2019
- Tuesday 3 September 2019
- Friday 22 November 2019
- Monday, 23 March 2020
- Wednesday 24 June 2020

2019/20 Term Dates

The term dates for the next academic year are confirmed below. Please can I reiterate at this point, that it is against the law to take your child out of school for holidays unless authorised by the Principal. It should be noted, however, that term time holidays will not be authorised. In all instances where unauthorised term time holidays are taken, The Farnley Academy will prosecute parents through all legal channels available.

Holiday	School Closes	School Opens
Summer		Wednesday 4 September 2019
Autumn mid-term	Friday 25 October 2019	Monday 4 November 2019
Christmas	Friday 20 December 2019	Monday 6 January 2020
Spring mid-term	Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Easter	Friday 3 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
Summer mid-term	Friday 22 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020
Summer	Friday 17 July 2020	

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our academy and wish you a relaxing, safe summer break.

Yours faithfully



**Mr C. Stokes
Principal**