

26 October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

End of term letter - October 2023

Students first: raising standards and transforming lives

Thank you for your ongoing support of your children as we continue to work together to ensure that every young person thrives and learns.

Term Dates 2023-2024

All students will return to school on **Monday 6 November 2023 before 8.20am**. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that our term dates for the year ahead are published on our website (<https://www.normanby.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>). Please note that absences from school during term time are only authorised in the most exceptional circumstances.

School day and breakfast club

Students must arrive at school **before 8.20am** each day to allow for a prompt start in tutor rooms at 8.25am. For those who would like to arrive earlier, and enjoy a free nutritious breakfast, we welcome students into our breakfast club from 8:00am each day. Please remember that we close the registers 30 minutes after the start of the school day at 8.55am. If your child arrives late after the close of the registers this will be marked as an unauthorised absence code in the register, impacting on overall attendance. Persistent lateness to the Academy is likely to lead to a fixed penalty notice.

Year 11 autumn assessment preparation

I know that our Year 11 students are focused on doing well in their GCSE examinations and it was wonderful to see so many families at our fish and chip exam information evening this term. I would ask for your continued support in ensuring they attend enrichment every day (Monday - maths, Wednesday - science, Thursday - English, Friday - options) and also make use of the revision masterclasses available during the autumn term (<https://www.normanby.outwood.com/posts/7464>).

Survey - serious violence in Cleveland

The Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence is carrying out a survey of young people to gather their views on serious violence in the region. We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to respond to the survey (<https://www.normanby.outwood.com/posts/7447>).


Uniform and equipment

Thank you for ensuring your child is in full uniform and properly equipped every day. Details of our uniform can be found on our website (<https://www.normanby.outwood.com/uniform>), which also has information about how to purchase additional uniform items. Shirts, trousers/skirts, PE socks and PE shorts can be bought anywhere, as long as they match our uniform expectations. All shoes must be plain, black and polishable. We do not allow jewellery, piercings, false nails, false eyelashes or makeup in school. Details of our hardship policy are available on our website to support families experiencing financial difficulties (<https://www.normanby.outwood.com/posts/5204>).

We have loaned a number of ties to students this term and would ask that they are returned to school on Monday 6 November. Students who do not return loaned ties should expect a consequence to be issued.

I wish you and your family a safe and restful holiday. Thank you again for your support, and thank you too to our wonderful staff team for all that they have done this term for our community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Robinson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Robinson
Principal