



Monday 14th December 2015

Dear Parent / Carer,

I wanted to write to you to update you about this term and inform you about end of term arrangements.

Reward Outing – Thursday 17th December 2015

On Thursday 17th December, a selected number of students will be taken to the cinema as a reward outing. All of these students are being thanked by the staff for upholding the values of the academy through their good behaviour and good attendance. The boys will have a choice of films to watch at Vue cinema and the tickets are being paid for by the academy. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Mr Stubbs for organising this treat for our exceptionally well behaved students.

End of Term – Friday 18th December 2015

Due to our city centre location, we are critically aware of the number of Christmas parties and drinks taking place in all of the surrounding area on the last Friday before Christmas. We therefore feel it advisable to close the academy early, to enable all of the students to leave the city centre prior to it becoming dark.

Normal morning lessons and House Assemblies will take place in the morning.

Lunch will take place at the normal time.

At 1.35pm after lunch, all students will go to their Tutor Rooms for afternoon registration.

All students will be dismissed from the academy between 2.00pm and 2.15pm.

The Winning House will be dismissed at 2.00pm

The 2nd House will be dismissed at 2.05pm

The 3rd House will be dismissed at 2.10pm

And finally the 4th House will be dismissed at 2.15pm.

As well as being recognition for the most successful Houses at this point in the year, it also spreads out the presence of the students around the city centre.

Would you please emphasise to your son the importance of leaving the city centre immediately they are dismissed from the academy, and not to linger around the town.

Our new House System has got off to a tremendous start, with all staff and students allocated to Houses and all students being given a House tie to wear. All Vivo points that students gain through good attendance, effort, behaviour and work, not only total up and allow students to purchase items from the Vivo store, but they also become 'House Points' in the inter-house competitions. In addition to Vivo House Points, there have been a variety of other competitions and activities that students have been able to participate in, ranging from Connect 4 to Handball matches. If any students have any ideas for a competition, they should take their ideas to Mr Stubbs.

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Appropriate & Safe Behaviour

Despite so many positives, there have been examples of a few negative behaviours that we would not wish to see repeated.

Swearing – The Academy is a ‘No Swear Zone’. We will not tolerate the use of foul or abusive language being used at any time in the academy, whether that be towards other students or members of staff. It is wholly inappropriate for students to be using this language at any time and for any reason, so it will not be accepted here.

Smoking – Legally, no smoking is permitted on the premises, as the academy is a public building, but a few students are taking this as permission to start smoking once they have stepped off of the academy site. The academy Smoking Policy clearly states that as long as a student is wearing our uniform in a public place, he is an ambassador for our academy, therefore should not be smoking at all – including electronic/vapour cigarettes.

Road Safety – Our academy is situated between George Street and Freetown Way, which are both very busy roads, with a wide variety of traffic lights and ‘rights of way’. Would you please encourage your son to always use the pedestrian crossings on these main roads.

Cycle Safety and Security – a number of students now travel to school on their bicycles. Could I please urge all parents to ensure that their sons have completed some sort of cycle proficiency course, so they are aware of the rules of the road, and also to wear a cycle helmet, as these are vitally important in preventing accidents being fatal. Charlotte Street Mews is a one way street, so no students should be riding their bikes in the wrong direction on this street.

Hair, Uniform and Standards

Student Services seem to be spending a disproportionate amount of time on the ‘phone to parents about ‘hair’. The academy policy is very simple, hair should be ‘natural’ colour and texture and cut in an even length all over, not touching ears, eyes or collar. This length and style of hair is based firmly on the tradition of the armed forces and public services and is non-negotiable.

There has been a recent trend of boys arriving at the academy with hair that has been shaved on the sides and left long on the top. This is not acceptable, and any students arriving with an inappropriate hair cut will remain in isolation until it has grown out. This is clearly described in the Home-School Agreement that all parents sign when they choose for their son to attend our academy, so parents really should not be challenging this when contacted by Student Services.

Shoes should be flat, totally plain black shoes. The Dr Marten style of shoe (not boot) is the one recommended, as it is comfortable and rubber soled, so stands up well to boys playing football on the yard. Black socks are also the only colour that should be being worn.

As we are now in winter, there is an official black winter anorak which should be worn by all students, over their uniform, to keep them dry and warm. No other outdoor or overcoats are permitted.

Events and Fundraising

I am really proud of the events that have taken place in support of Charity in this first term. Money has been raised for a number of good causes this year through a non-uniform day (Children in Need), the purchase of moustaches (Movember – Male Health), a sponsored ‘sleep out’ (Emmaus - Homeless in Hull), the Shoebox Appeal (130 Shoeboxes were sent to children in war-torn parts of the world) and this Friday. ***Friday 18th December, students are invited to come into school in non-uniform, as long as they are wearing a Christmas Jumper and contribute a minimum of £1 towards Save the Children.***

In addition to our Fundraising work, the students also put on a Christmas Party for the residents of the Trinity Rest Homes, providing entertainment and companionship in their own time after school. Details and photographs of all of these activities can be seen in Trinity Tidings.

The icing on the cake for us as an academy, is the accolade of Mr Forth winning the Hull Daily Mail Teacher of the Year Award. This is the second year running that our academy has won one of these prestigious awards. Details can be found on the Hull Daily Mail website, as well as in our own Trinity Tidings.

Free Access to Office 365

As stated in my last letter, we were working on securing free e-mails and free access to Office 365 for all students.



Overleaf is the page that will explain how students can now take advantage of this fabulous offer.

Finally.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year and thank you for your on-going support.

We look forward to seeing all of the students on Tuesday 5th January 2016

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Keaney".

Karen Keaney
Principal

School Partnership Trust

Student Email

All students now have access to their own @hthacademy.org.uk email address. To access; type <http://www.outlook.com/hthacademy.org.uk> in your browser or visit the school website and follow the links in the links section.

Once the outlook page has opened student should use the same credentials they use for the academy but add "@hthacademy.org.uk" to the end of their username.

Sign in with your organizational account

Sign in

browser
useful

log in
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Free Software

We are now able to offer all students a copy of Microsoft Office for **free**! Another great benefit of being a student at Hull Academy, part of School Partnership Trust Academies.



Office 365 ProPlus
Trinity House

How to download

To do this, students need to log into their email (as above). Once logged in a notification should appear informing you that you can install the software with a link in the notification. If this does not appear click the **settings icon** (cog in the top right), click **Office 365 Settings**, Click **My Account**

Included with this install are the full applications and are available for use offline. Students can install on up to 5 different machines using Windows or OSX. Students also receive 1Tb of online storage space through Microsoft OneDrive which can be accessed anywhere with an internet connection meaning no more risk of losing work on flashdrives.

The following applications are included within the PC version:

- Microsoft Word 2013
- Microsoft Excel 2013
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2013
- Microsoft OneNote 2013
- Microsoft Access 2013
- Microsoft Publisher 2013
- Microsoft Outlook 2013
- Microsoft Lync 2013
- Microsoft InfoPath 2013

How does the licencing work?

Students are required to sign in with their network login details, this validates the licence for use and the software will check the licence is still valid every month so an internet connection is required. This licence will remain active until a student leaves The Academy. At this point the licence will be revoked.