



4th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we head towards the end of term, please make sure you look out for our end of term newsletter which will update you on the varied and exciting events that have taken place since September. We will send this to all parents and carers at the end of term and share on our website.

End of Term

The last day of this term is Friday 15th December. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.25pm. Please ensure your child has an appropriate arrangement in place to get home safely. Students entitled to a free school meal can collect this from The Galley at breaktime. As a reminder, below are our expectations for student dress on this day:

The last day of this term is a non-uniform day. The theme for the day is 'Christmas'. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas themed clothing, if they wish to. We ask for a donation of £1 which will be donated to the Save the Children charity. On non-uniform days, we **do not** allow:

- strappy or strapless tops
- short skirts or shorts
- baseball caps or woolly hats
- excessive makeup, false nails or jewellery as per our uniform expectations
- offensive slogans
- high-heeled shoes, boots or sliders

On Wednesday 13th December, The Galley will be serving Christmas lunch. All students will have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas lunch. There will be cold lunch options available from The Sub.

Term 3

Students return to school on **Wednesday 3rd January** and should arrive to school, ready to learn at line up or in tutor time by 8.35am. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school by this time in full, correct uniform with their equipment for the day. A reminder that we do not permit piercings other than a small stud in the lower earlobe. Unnatural hair colours, long/false nails and false eyelashes are also not permitted. During this cold period, please encourage your child to wear a warm coat to school (hoodies are not permitted) and suitable underclothing if necessary (such as a thermal layer or a plain, white t-shirt).



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We have made some changes to our timetable to further improve the opportunity for every student to make as much academic progress as possible. During the final week of term, all pupils will receive their new timetable, which will take effect from the beginning of term 3. We will also issue these again on the first day back.

Communication, ClassCharts & MyEd

Please ensure you keep us informed of any phone number, email or address changes. Ideally, each child attending The Victory Academy should have a **minimum of three emergency contacts**. Please confirm any changes via email to office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk

Should you need to contact us, please call the main office on 0333 360 2140. Staff will do their very best to return your call as soon as they can. Please be mindful that a return call is not always instant due to teaching and work commitments. Face to face appointments with staff are rarely possible without firstly making an appointment by contacting the office. If you don't already, please follow us on our social media pages (Facebook, X and Instagram) and keep an eye on our website.

From Term 3 our Head of Year Team will be as follows;

Year 7 – Mr Ferreira & Mrs Crane-Herbert
Year 8 – Miss Wilson
Year 9 – Miss Alatise
Year 10 – Mrs Bamidele
Year 11 – Mrs Anderson
Sixth Form – Mr Cass

The **MyEd app** is our main method of **parental communication** allowing you access to any letters or communications we send home. The MyEd App is available for both Apple iOS and Android devices and can be found on either the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching for MyEd. Once you have installed and opened MyEd, search for The Victory Academy and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Staff will be happy to help.

A reminder that Term 3 will also see the launch of the ClassCharts parent app. We encourage all parents and carers to download the ClassCharts app on their mobile device via the App Store or Google Play to stay connected and informed about your child's progress. You will receive your individual access code for ClassCharts in January 2024.



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Key Dates

Thursday 1st February - Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thursday 8th February - Year 10 Parents' Evening

More information regarding these evenings and how to book appointments with your child's teacher will come out early in term 3.

Year 11 and 13 students will be sitting their final mock exams from Monday 19th February to Friday 1st March. Early and continuous preparation for both mocks and their final GCSE exams is crucial. Please do encourage your child to be revising and studying hard. Should you require any support or revision materials and guidance, please do contact Mr Jones.

At the end of this term, we say farewell to Miss Kokkrankal, Mr Dhillon, Mr Ray and Miss Dixon-Coyte. We are sad to see them go but wish them well in their new and exciting ventures.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a pleasant and safe Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we can all work together to ensure our children have the very best opportunities to aspire, endeavour and achieve.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Smith
Headteacher



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