



12th December 2024

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 this will also be shared on our website.

End of Term

The last day of this term is Friday 20th December. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm. 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, our expectations for student dress on this day are below.

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. 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 18th December, The Galley will be serving Christmas lunch (orders via PlusPay for this are now closed). Students who have already purchased tickets for Christmas lunch will receive these in Form Time. If your child is not having a Christmas lunch, The Deli in The Galley will be open as usual at break and lunch, or students can purchase food and snacks at The Sub (break and lunch). The Sixth Form Centre food servery will be open at break time only.

Term 3

Students return to school on **Monday 6th January** and should arrive to school, ready to learn at line up or in tutor time by 8.30am. 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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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 first making an appointment by contacting the office.

The **MyEd app** is our main method of **parental communication** allowing you access to any letters or communications we send home. 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 parents can also download the ClassCharts parent app to receive information regarding attendance and points.

Key Dates for Term 3 and Term 4

- Thursday 9th January - Year 11 Parents' Evening (3.40-6.40pm)
- Thursday 30th January - Year 8 Parents' Evening (3.40-6.40pm)
- Wednesday 5th February – early finish due to staff training. Students finish at 1.25pm.
- Thursday 13th February – Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening (3.40-6.40pm)
- Thursday 6th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening (3.40-6.40pm)
- Thursday 20th March – Year 12 Parents' Evening (4-6pm)
- Friday 4th April – last day of term

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

Year 11 and 13 students will be sitting their final mock exams from Monday 24th February to Friday 7st 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 Anderson, Assistant Headteacher for Year 11 concerns and Mr Cass, Head of Sixth Form for Year 13.

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 enable our students have the very best opportunities.

Yours sincerely

Mr O Owen
Headteacher