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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of a very trying and difficult year, we look forward to returning to some sense of normality in September. Thank you for all your words of encouragement and your recognition of the efforts we have gone to in maintaining a quality education in such circumstances.

Since we moved back to specialist classrooms, the Academy has felt much more settled and students have positively engaged with learning. Thank you to all parents who continue to be exceptionally supportive of our standards, expectations, and acknowledge the quality education we are striving to achieve at North Durham Academy. Our standards are in line with those of any good school. We will write to you again before the start of term with some helpful reminders of those expectations.

### **Uniform update**

Our new supplier SWI school wear have updated all the information regarding uniform on our website including delivery time and pricing. We are sorry if you have had any difficulty placing orders. SWI have assured us this has been resolved.

<https://www.northdurhamacademy.co.uk/academy-life/uniform>

Please note parents do not need to purchase a new blazer for your child until a new one is required. When buying or ordering other uniform items please check expectations on the website. A quick reminder to purchase:

- Plain black school shoes. Trainers are for PE only.
- Trousers have a front button and zip that act as a fastener. Please do not buy leggings for PE or as school trousers.
- Skirts are knee length and also have a button and zip fastening.
- Tights are 80+ denier.

All piercings must be done at the start of the holiday. New piercings will not be accepted as an excuse to wear earrings, nose studs or tongue bars.

### **PE Kit**

- Old PE kit can still be worn
- No logos **at all** will be accepted (Nike etc no matter how small / discreet)
- When pupils replace kit then it should be with new academy kit from the website only
- Trainers **do not** have to be black

## **Staffing Changes**

We say goodbye and thank you to the following staff:

Mr Raymond – Maths  
Mrs Wood – Admin/reception  
Mrs Dreyer – Music; will go on maternity from early September  
Mrs Castro – Spanish; will go on maternity in July  
Mr Hall – Maths; but will return as a 1:1 maths tutor 3 days a week  
Mrs Harty – Spanish  
Mr Brown – Year Manager

**We look forward to welcoming the following new staff:**

Mr Diaz – Spanish  
Mrs Farrelly – Spanish  
Ms Marsland – Maths  
Ms Cassidy – Maths  
Ms McManners – Educational Welfare Officer  
Ms McQuaide – Humanities  
Mr Pearson – Head of Art  
Mr Backhurst - Maths

## **Return to Tutor Time**

Tutor time will now be able to return to the beginning of the day and your child will have a constant tutor throughout the year.

<b>Tutor Teams</b>	
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>
<b>Year Manager - Mrs Kristy Smith</b>	<b>Year Manager - Mrs Lyndsey Liddle</b>
<b>Senior Year Group Link - Miss Becky Wheatley</b>	<b>Senior Year Group Link - Mr Scott Murray</b>
Miss Bethany Robson	Mr Juan Diaz
Miss Jade Patterson	Mr Kyle McCance
Miss Jessica Thompson	Mr Michael Gray
Miss Joanne Wheeldon	Mr Osman Arabacioglu
Mr Jonathan Lee	Mrs Deborah Robinson
Mr Mathew Turnbull	Mrs Georgia McQuaide
Mrs Kate Hodge	Mrs Lisa Farrelly
Mrs Rachel Graham	Ms Jessica Unwin
Mrs Rebecca Middler	Ms Lucy Mayhew
Mrs Sarah Graham	Ms Rachel Wilson

<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>
<b>Year Manager - Mrs Amanda Graham</b>	<b>Year Manager - TBC</b>
<b>Senior Year Group Link - Mrs Lauren Smith</b>	<b>Senior Year Group Link - Mr George Dawson</b>
Mr Scott Pearson	Miss Georgia Ahmed
Mr Aaron Bourne	Miss Kelly Clydesdale
Mr Dean Clark	Mr Andrew Short

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Year 9	Year 10
Mr Ross Leyland	Mr Barry Quinn
Mrs Angela Armstrong	Mr Julian Garner
Mrs Debra McAree	Mr Ross Thomas
Mrs Helen Harvey	Mrs Bernice Youll
Mrs Karlene Holbrow	Ms Alex Perrin-Hudson
Ms Amanda Waltenberg	Ms Shanice Kinnersley
Ms Paula Wilson	
Ms Vicky Mattress	

Year 11
<b>Year Manager - Mrs Janet Hindle</b>
<b>Senior Year Group Link - Mrs Clare O'Keeffe</b>
Miss Claire O'Neill
Mr Scott Backhurst
Mr Thomas Raper
Mrs Tracy Davinson
Ms Abby Cassidy
Ms Cristi Jonas
Ms Janine Smith
Ms Kate Marsland

A further letter will be sent outlining the actual tutor group that your child is in.

### **Main changes from this year to the timings of the day:**

- The academic year begins on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for **ALL** students.
- The school day **begins at 08.30** rather than 08.15.
- Gates will open at 8.30 and children should be in their tutor room no later than 8.45.
- **Student Services** will now be at the **Community Entrance**, therefore children who are late must now sign in at this entrance.
- Please see the overview of the day for the timings of breaks and lunchtimes.

Students will continue to use the allocated year group entrance and exit: All entrances have the year group indicated on the doors and there will be plenty of staff on duty to direct our new Year 7 to the correct entrance.

- Year 7 will enter via canteen doors
- Year 8 will enter via the Community Sports entrance
- Year 9 will enter through the atrium doors
- Year 10 will enter through the DT fire exit door
- Year 11 through the music fire exit door

Lessons will finish at **15.00**. Enrichment and catch-up sessions will run from 15.00 up to 16.00. Buses will pick up at 15.00 but we will provide transport for all those wishing to stay behind for additional support or enrichment.

The one-way system will remain in place to support ease of movement around the building.

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## Overview of the School Day per Year Group

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
08:30:00	<b>Gates open</b>				
08:35:00	<b>Eased Entry</b>	<b>Eased Entry</b>	<b>Eased Entry</b>	<b>Eased Entry</b>	<b>Eased Entry</b>
08:40:00	Canteen doors	Community Sports entrance	Atrium doors	DT fire exit door	Music fire exit door
08:45:00	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Tutor</b>
09:15:00	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>
10:15:00	Lesson 2 (Split Part 1)	Break	Break	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10:20:00					
10:25:00					
10:30:00					
10:35:00	Lesson 2 (Split Part 2)	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10:40:00					
10:45:00					
10:50:00					
10:55:00	<b>Break (Restaurant)</b>	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
11:00:00					
11:05:00					
11:10:00					
11:15:00	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11:20:00					
11:25:00					
11:30:00					
12:30:00	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lunch	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12:35:00					
12:40:00					
12:45:00					
12:50:00	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12:55:00					
13:00:00					
13:05:00					
13:10:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
13:15:00					
13:20:00					
13:25:00					
13:30:00	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lunch
13:35:00					
13:40:00					
13:45:00					
13:50:00	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5
13:55:00					
14:00:00					
15:00:00					
15:30:00	<b>Enrichment</b>	<b>Enrichment</b>	<b>Enrichment</b>	<b>Enrichment</b>	<b>Enrichment</b>

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## Covid Testing:

The government has issued the following guidance to schools regarding testing before the September return:

*As pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term.*

*Settings may commence testing from 3 working days before the start of term and can stagger return of pupils across the first week to manage this. Pupils should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.*

## Proposed testing schedule:

Students will be given individual time slots to attend via Weduc and text. The entrance will be via the Community Entrance on Slaidburn Road. Testing will commence in the sports hall.	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Years 11, 7 and 8</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Years 8, 9 and 10</b>
Return to school. Testing will be organised internally.	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 7 and 11</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Years 8 and 9</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 10</b>

We will send out further correspondence to finalise arrangements and time slots nearer to the start of term.

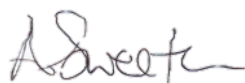
## Essential Purchase List – compulsory items

Please contact the school if you require any financial support with uniform. All requests will be handled sensitively

- School bag (large enough to carry PE kit, books and equipment)
- School pencil case and equipment (pens, pencils, ruler, protractor, rubber, pencil sharpener)
- Scientific calculator
- NDA school blazer
- NDA school tie (grey for Year 11)
- School trousers/ skirts as per the uniform expectation
- White shirt
- NDA PE kit as per the PE uniform expectations

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone well rested and ready to learn in September.

Yours sincerely



**A Sweeten**  
**Principal**