

# Dudley Academies Trust

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Dear Parents/ Carers

## **Re: Academic Year 2021/22 (Secondary)**

As we come to the end of the academic year, I want to provide details regarding the end of this term and our term dates for 2021/22. Please note that on the last day of term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, our secondary academies will close at 13:00 to all staff and learners.

We are currently awaiting guidance from the Department of Education in relation to end of term reporting of positive cases and future COVID measures for schools. Therefore, we will provide a further update to you as soon as possible, once the guidance has been announced. This information will also be added to the COVID-19 > Latest updates area of our websites.

Academic Year 2021/22 will commence with an Inset Day for staff on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 followed by learners returning to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021. During induction, we anticipate that there will be a requirement for mass lateral flow testing therefore, this may result in a return by year group during the first week of term. Again, we will provide a further update to you as soon as the guidance has been announced.

Term dates for next academic year are outlined below. This information alongside timings of the school day etc. can be found on the academy website under the Parents & Carers tab.

## **Term Dates 2021/22**

### **Autumn Term**

- Start: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (Inset Day).
- Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- End: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### **Spring Term**

- Start: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- Half Term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- End: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (Inset Day).

### **Summer Term**

- Start: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.
- End: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

### **Inset Days**

- INSET Day 1: 02/09/2021.



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- INSET Day 2: 03/09/2021.
- INSET Day 3: 06/09/2021.
- INSET Day 4: 14/01/2022.
- INSET Day 5: 08/04/2022.

I am extremely proud of our Trust and I want to thank every learner, parent, carer and member of staff for their hard work and commitment. All our stakeholders have shown a strong sense of community and demonstrated exceptional levels of dedication during these difficult times.

We look forward to seeing our Year 11 learners on results day, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Our Teacher Assessed Grades process was rigorous and robust to ensure our learners achieve the examination grades that they deserve. We want all our learners to continue to 'Dream big' and progress onto positive destinations.

I hope you have a restful and safe summer.

Yours faithfully

Jo Higgins  
Chief Executive



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