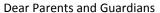
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A Mathematics and Computing Academy

Part of the East Dacorum Co-operative Learning Trust

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We are rapidly approaching the end of term and we are all looking forward to a well deserved break. As you know our term dates so far this year have been subject to change due to the delays to our new school building. In light of this I wanted to clarify the arrangements for the end of the Autumn Term and the beginning of the new term in January when we will be in our new buildings. Students will understandably have some anxieties about this but I would like to take this opportunity to reassure them that, whilst we are in a new environment, the staff, students, routines and ethos will remain the same and there will be plenty of familiar faces around when students arrive in January.

End of the Autumn Term

Term will end on Friday 16 December 2016 at 3.15pm. Students will be in normal lessons until 2.45pm. At this time they will come down to the Sports Hall for a Headteacher assembly. Please note that this day is Christmas Jumper day that students have already paid for.

Christmas holiday

This runs for students from Monday 19 December 2016 until Wednesday 4 January 2017 inclusive.

Students in Years 9 – 13 will return to preliminary examinations and I would urge all students to engage in some revision over the holidays using their own notes, revision guides and also the extensive e-learning package offered via the school website. GCSE Pod, Bitesize, SAM Learning, Linguascope, MyMaths are a few examples of what is on offer. May I also remind parents and students that they will need to bring all their equipment to all examinations. They will need two black pens, two pencils, protractor, compass, ruler, rubber and calculator. Students who do not bring this equipment will not be permitted to sit their examinations.

Return to school in January 2017

Students will return on Thursday 5 & Friday 6 January 2017. This week will be A Week. To support the transition into our new building students will return in a phased manner. Students should continue to access the school from Rumballs Road and parents should continue to drop them off here. Post 16 students must park in the Hill Common car park. No students or parents are permitted to access the school site via the entrance on Peascroft Road as this is for the sole use of the contractors and school staff. I have outlined the arrangements for the return to school below:

Thursday 5th January

Students in the following years will be in school today: Years 7, 8, Post 16.

Students in the following years will not be in school today: Years 9, 10, 11.

All students in Years 7, 8 & Post 16 are to go to form bases for registration for 8.30am. Students will be provided with a list of all tutor bases and a map prior to leaving for the Christmas holidays. This map and list will also be on the Learning Platform and students should bring it with them when they return to school. Post 16 students must retain and wear their lanyards and identity badges on the first day back.

Periods 1 & 2 - Students will be involved in one of the following activities.

Activity	Year 7	Year 8	Post 16
HT Assembly	9.00am	10.00am	9.30am
Tour of School	9.30am	9.00am	10.00am
Form Base	10.00am	9.30am	9.00am

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Students will follow their normal A Week timetables from break time onwards until school ends at 3.15pm

Parents' Evening for Year 8 will run as outlined in the school calendar. Students have already been given appointment sheets for this event. This event will take place in the school hall on the first floor of the new building from 5.00pm – 7.30pm.

Friday 6 January

The following years **will be in school** today: Years 9, 10, 11 from 8.30am. Post 16 students will be with us from break onwards

Students in the following years will not be in school today: Years 7 & 8.

All students in Years 9, 10 & 11 are to go to form bases for registration. Students will be provided with a list of all tutor bases and a map prior to leaving for the Christmas holidays. This map and list will also be on the Learning Platform and students should bring it with them when they return to school.

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10.50 - 11.10am - DEAR will run as usual

Students will follow their normal A Week timetables from break time onwards until school ends at 3.15pm

Week beginning Monday 9 January - B week

Normal lessons will take place for all year groups.

Preliminary examinations will begin in Period 3 on 9 January 2017. Students have been provided with a timetable for these examinations.

I would like to end by thanking all parents for their ongoing support during this disrupted term. I appreciate your patience and understanding towards the changes to holidays we had to make due to the unforeseen delays to the building works. Overall this has not caused any compromise in the day to day running of the school and we have been very pleased with the way that the students, staff and parents have taken this in their stride. I look forward to continuing to work with you all in the exciting times ahead from January 2017.

Yours faithfully

Graham Cunningham

Headteacher