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Outcomes Focused, Child Centred

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

The staff at Thorp Academy are extremely proud of our students who have shown dedication, resilience and commitment this term.

The Sixth Form have recently held events for Children in Need and Young Minds and the response of our students in support of these charities has been overwhelming. We have also had a fantastic response to our 'Reverse Advent Calendar', an initiative to support local food banks.

Enrichment

At Thorp we are passionate about enriching the lives of our students beyond the classroom. Thorp has a history of sporting and academic successes outside of the classroom and this is because of the varied enrichment curriculum we offer after hours at the academy. We encourage all students to participate. Details of our new enrichment programme for the spring term are available on the Academy website.

Punctuality

Punctuality is as important as attendance and is highly regarded, not just by this academy but by employers and post 16 educational establishments.

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously affect your child's progress.

Minutes late each day during the school year equals lost learning:

5 minutes	3 days lost
10 minutes	6 ½ days lost
15 minutes	10 days lost
20 minutes	13 days lost
25 minutes	19 days lost

From Monday 7th January, students who are late to school will be issued with a late detention of an hour.

Uniform

Can I please remind all parents that students should not be wearing any noticeable makeup, including fake tan. Students will be asked to remove this if it is deemed excessive.

Parking

A barrier restricting access to the car park will be in operation from January as part of our efforts to improve safeguarding on site.

Pastoral

Your child's registration tutor has immediate day-to-day responsibility for the welfare of their students; they monitor their progress both academically and socially, encouraging involvement in the Academy, commitment and high standards of work and behaviour.

Your child's tutor works closely with the Learning Managers in maintaining an ordered and caring environment, with our main aim being to ensure that students are supported and achieve to the best of their ability. Working alongside the tutors we have appointed a specialist team, which will ensure that the needs of the students in different year groups are met.

For your information the Learning Managers are:

Year 7 – Miss Leask – (c.leask@northerneducationtrust.org)

Year 8 & 9 – Mrs Hunt – (d.hunt@northerneducationtrust.org)

Year 10 – Miss Lockey – (s.lockey@northerneducationtrust.org)

Year 11 – Mrs Mitchell – (l.mitchell@northerneducationtrust.org)

Year 12 & 13 – Mrs Rodrigues – (j.rodrigues@northerneducationtrust.org)

They are available to meet parents by appointment and emphasis is placed upon the fact that we want parents to feel free to get in touch over any matter which causes them concern.

Important Dates for Spring Term:

7th January 2019 – Start of Term

15th January 2019 – Year 8 Guided Choices Evening

14th-25th January 2019 – Year 12 and 13 Mock Exams

6th February 2019 – Year 12 and 13 Parent's Consultation Evening

18th-22nd February 2019 – Spring Half Term

5th March 2019 – Year 7-11 Parent's Consultation Evening

8th-22nd April 2019 – Easter Holiday

23rd April 2019 – Start of Summer Term

We thank you for your continued support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Hailes

Principal