



Waltham Toll Bar Academy

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14 July 2023

Dear Families

As we approach the end of this academic year, I am writing to update you on some recent and exciting developments and also some changes which will take place when students return in September.

New extra-curricular clubs and activities programme

I am delighted that from September we will be offering many more extra-curricular clubs, classes and activities. More than 60 clubs will be on offer in the new year, including all of the traditional activities but this year we will be broadening our offer to include more creative options such as jewellery making, games programming, and performing arts.

All of these activities will be offered free of charge and be available to students in all year groups after school from Tuesday – Friday. I have attached a full booklet with an overview of these activities. In September, we will talk to all students about how they can sign up for these clubs.

Breakfast club

We have trialled a breakfast club the last half term which seemed to work well. This did not run during the examination season, however will resume in September.

There will be provision for all students to attend the Academy from 7:45am each morning free of charge and be supervised by members of our staff with free cereal and toast provided. Other items such as bacon and sausage rolls/bagels and drinks will also be available for purchase. Breakfast club runs in the music hall and is accessible by the side door near to main reception.

Academy Uniform

Our Academy uniform reflects the Academy's long-standing tradition for academic excellence and high standards of which we are so proud. Academy uniform plays a vital role in contributing to the ethos of the Academy and setting the appropriate tone. We believe that by encouraging our students to dress smartly for school, we are building on the standards, discipline and professionalism that the young people we work with, will require in the world of work.

By wearing the Academy uniform, students at Waltham Toll Bar Academy demonstrate visually that they belong to the Academy community. Our uniform is a symbol of equality, identity and affiliation to the Academy. Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times, both inside and outside of the Academy premises. I have attached details of our uniform and details of where to purchase if families need to replace uniform items for September.



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The Academy supports vulnerable families in meeting the costs of uniforms. To claim Academy uniform assistance, parents should normally be eligible for FSM. Families should contact our Academy office to discuss this on 01472 500505 or by emailing enquiries@tollbaracademy.co.uk to discuss our criteria for support.

Times of the Academy Day and 2023/24 calendar

To create opportunities and develop the confidence to excel – together, we have been working hard over recent months to improve the subject offer and our curriculum for all students. This has involved increasing the number of subjects students can choose for their GCSE and A Level study, as well as ensuring our approach to setting, grouping and supporting students is the best it can be.

We will also be moving away from lesson times of differing length (either 45 or 55 minutes) to five, one full hour lessons per day. We are confident that this will have a significant and positive impact on how students learn and make progress.

As a result of these changes, it will be necessary for the times of the school day to change slightly. This means a slightly earlier start each day for students. Students will also have a two-week timetable allowing us to offer greater opportunity and breadth in our curriculum. Details of the two-week timetable will be shared and explained in September when your child returns to the Academy.

I have attached a summary of the new times of the school day from September and our school calendar for the next academic year.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about this change, please do contact us by emailing enquiries@tollbaracademy.co.uk

Summer Things to do and summer safety

There are a whole host of activities being provided in North East Lincolnshire over the summer for young people and families to enjoy. Details of these activities can be found here <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/school-holiday-activities/>. The National Trust also offers some great suggestions for summer activity <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things>

Please visit our website <https://walthamtollbaracademy.co.uk/> parents information section and choose the Summer Activity and Safety link to find out more about the messages we have provided to students about keeping safe and having fun this summer.

If you are concerned that a child is in immediate danger over the summer break, you should contact the police on 999. If you are concerned and there is not an immediate risk or emergency you can call the police on 101. If you are concerned that a child is being abused, or they may be at risk of harm, members of the public can also contact the N E Lincs Children's Safeguarding team on 01472 326292 (option 2).

Class Charts

From September 2023 we will be introducing a new system into the Academy called Class Charts. This piece of software is used by thousands of academies across the country to enable parents to track their child's behaviour and provide an overview of their achievements and the rewards they have received. At the start of next term, we will provide each family with a unique code that will enable the achievements and behaviours of your child to be monitored via an App on your mobile phones, tablet or other device.



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End of term arrangements

The last day of expected attendance at the Academy in this Academy year is **Friday 21 July 2023**. Please note the school day will end at 12:30 pm on Friday 21 July 2023. Full uniform is expected for all pupils in Years 7-10.

Lunch will still be available for any students wishing to have lunch before they depart. If you would like to make provision for your child to remain in school for the afternoon until the usual end of the school day, please contact their Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year and we will ensure provision is made for them for the afternoon, by contacting enquiries@tollbaracademy.co.uk

Results days

- A Level results will be issued to students on 17 August 2023
- GCSE results will be issued to students on 24 August 2023

The results will be available for collection from the Drama Hall from 9:00am on both days.

Return to school on Monday 4 September 2023

We look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy on Monday 4 September 2023.

- All students are expected to arrive at the Academy for 8:35am on Monday 4 September.

Upon arrival students must report to form tutors. Reminders of which tutor group and room students are in will be displayed around the Academy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and commitment to Waltham Toll Bar Academy . It is a privilege to lead such a fantastic school and we remain absolutely committed to providing the very best opportunities for your child.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I am confident that with even further improvements to our main curriculum offer, coupled with the introduction of an excellent new extra-curricular offer that all students will thrive and flourish.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mr N J Whittle
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Academy Day	Years 7, 8 and 9	Years 10 and 11
8:35	Start of day	
8:40	Registration and Form/Assembly Curriculum	
9:00	Lesson 1	
10:00	Lesson 2	
11:00	Break	
11:20	Lesson 3	
12:20	Lunch	Lesson 4
	13:00 Lesson 4	13:20 Lunch
	14:00 Lesson 5	14:00 Lesson 5
15:00	End of lessons	
15:00 – 16:00	Enrichment / Intervention / Detention	

Calendar	Start of term	Last day of term
Autumn – Half Term 1	Monday 4 th Sept 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Half Term 2	Monday 6 th Nov 2023	Thursday 21 st December 2023
Spring – Half Term 3	Wednesday 3 rd Jan 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term 4	Monday 19 th Feb 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Bank Holiday dates	Monday 6 th May 2024	Monday 27 th May 2024
Summer – Half Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024
INSET days – school closed to students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 12th April 2024 Monday 22nd July 2024 	



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Uniform expectations

Waltham Toll Bar Academy (WTBA) students are expected to wear:

- BLACK blazer with academy badge.
- Generic WHITE shirt Years 7/8, WHITE shirt or WHITE Blouse Years 9/10/11
- Academy tie – RED tie for Years 7/8, BLUE tie for Years 9/10/11.
- BLACK tailored trousers or a WTBA branded knee length skirt.
- Generic plain BLACK or WHITE socks (no ribbons/bows) which cover the ankle / BLACK tights.
- Generic sensible plain BLACK shoes that can be polished (not trainers, canvas, fashion shoes or boots)
- Generic backpack which is big enough to hold an A4 file without it being folded as well as school books, essential learning equipment and PE kit (clutch/accessory/handbags not permitted)



Waltham Toll Bar Academy (WTBA) PE kit:

Compulsory:

- Waltham Toll Bar Academy polo shirt
- Waltham Toll Bar Academy shorts or skirt
- Waltham Toll Bar Academy PE socks
- Training shoes
- Football boots and shin pads (Year 7/8 girls and all Years boys)

Optional:

- Waltham Toll Bar Academy rugby shirt
- Waltham Toll Bar Academy quarter zip track top
- Waltham Toll Bar Academy track pants
- BLACK / NAVY top and/or legging base layer to be worn underneath the kit
- WHITE sports socks (can be worn after the Easter holidays in replacement of WTBA PE socks)

We expect pupils to wear our uniform correctly.

Wear it correctly means:

- Top button on shirt is fastened. Shirt is tucked in.
- Tie all the way up to the collar. Tie is down to the waist.
- Skirt, if worn, at knee length and not rolled over.

For further clarification, please scan the QR code to read more about our uniform policy on the academy website; where you will find how to purchase our academy uniform and further examples of our expectations.

Failure to adhere to our uniform policy could result in the issue of a standards detention or being referred to the Student Support Unit.

Uniform Policy QR Code:



Uniform Details and where to purchase:

To maintain quality, standards and value for money for families, items in bold text marked with * are only available from our approved uniform suppliers: Uniform Direct.56 Victoria Street, Grimsby. DN31 1BL Tel: 01472 347800 (www.uniform-direct.com).



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