



Nottingham University Samworth Academy

Principal: Mr R. Hadfield, MA, BA(Hons)

Monday, 23 December 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new term at NUSA. We have had a very positive start to the year: standards of uniform are high and there is a calm atmosphere throughout the Academy. Students are engaged in their learning and they are keen to achieve their best. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support, and we look forward to a successful year ahead.

Principal of the Academy

As you will know from last week's letter, Mr David Harris has left his role as Principal of the Academy, and I am now the Acting Principal. If you need to get in touch with me, the route to contact me is the same as it was for Mr Harris – you can email principal@nusa.org.uk or **telephone 0115 929 1492, Option 4**, and ask for the Principal's office. If you have any issues or questions regarding your child's learning and welfare, please contact Student Services by telephoning **0115 929 1492, Option 2**. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Reminder of Term Dates for the year (AMENDED) :

Half-term – TWO week break	Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November
Pupils return after half-term	Monday 4th November
End of Autumn term	Friday 20th December 3.20pm
Start of Spring term	Tuesday 7th January
Half-term break	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February
Pupils return after half-term	Monday 24th February
End of Spring term	Friday 4 th April
Start of Summer term	Tuesday 22 nd April
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Half-term break	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th May
Pupils return after half-term	Monday 1st June
End of Summer term	Thursday 24 th July

Please note that the above dates in **bold** have been corrected from last Friday's newsletter printing.

Academy Photographs

Years 7-10 photographs will be taken on **27th September** - please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform for this day especially.



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Strike Action

It has been decided by two teaching unions that strike action will take place on Tuesday 1st October 2013. This is due to a dispute between these two unions and the government. This means that some of our teachers may be striking, which could involve changes to some lessons during the day. The safeguarding of the health and safety of all our pupils is our top priority, so the closure of the Academy for the day is a possibility, and I would ask you to plan for this just in case.

However, we plan to ensure that learning will continue as normal and any disruption to the school day will be kept to a minimum. Please treat it as a school day as normal; once I know more about the numbers of teachers involved in the strike I will update you with further details through our text messaging service and on our website <http://www.nusa.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Hadfield
Acting Principal