



12 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

You will have received Mr Morrel's letter of 28 June 2024. I am writing to follow up on this, both to introduce myself and to share the arrangements for the start of the new academic year in September 2024.

I would like to begin by paying tribute to my predecessor. Ian Morrel has worked at Titus Salt School for 22 years both as Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher and in education for 37 years. During this time, he has impacted positively on the lives of thousands of young people and hundreds of colleagues. Ian has always epitomised the school's TRAC values, and he leaves a legacy of genuine care for pupils and staff which I will hope to emulate in the coming years.

Having worked in schools locally for the past 20 years I am incredibly proud to have been appointed as Headteacher at Titus Salt School. I believe that education is the single most important factor in ensuring opportunities for all young people and that Titus Salt School has a vital role to play in our community. We will continue to be an inclusive, ambitious and caring institution with the wellbeing of children at the heart of all that we do. I look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming years and working together to ensure the best outcomes for all of the children who attend Titus Salt School. Below is a range of information about the start of the new year, please read this carefully as some information will have changed since last year.

Term Dates

This summer term ends on Friday 19 July 2024 at the usual time of 3.00pm. The Yellow Bus service will operate as usual.

The following list details the term dates and other school closure dates for the next academic year:

- **Tuesday 3 September 2024** - with Year 7 starting at 8.45am; Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 starting at 1.00pm. Year 12 start at 10.15 and Year 13 at 1.50pm. The bus service will operate as usual
- **Wednesday 4 September 2024** - with lessons as usual with school starting at 8.25am with registration at 8.30am. The bus service will operate as usual
- **Thursday 19 September 2024** - School will close at 2.00pm to allow pupils and students to go home and return to support Open Evening; school bus service will operate as usual
- **Friday 20 September 2024** - School will be closed for Training Day
- **Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024** - Half Term break
- **Friday 29 November 2024** - School will be closed for Training Day
- **Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025** - Christmas Break
- **Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2025** - Half Term break
- **Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April 2025** - Easter Break (This includes the Bank Holiday on 21 April)
- **Monday 5 May 2025** - Bank Holiday
- **Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025** - Half Term break
- **Friday 18 July 2025** - End of academic year

School Day – The timings of the school day remain the same as during 2023/24 and are detailed below:

Start of the day for pupils	08:25	To be on the school site
Registration	08:30 – 08:50	20
Period 1	08:50 – 09:55	65
Period 2	09:55 – 11:00	65
Break 2a and 2b **	11:00 – 11:20	20
Period 3	11:20 – 12:25	65
Period 4	12:25 – 13:30	65
Lunch 4a and 4b **	13:30 – 14:00	30
Period 5	14:00 – 15:00	60

****Break time and lunch time will remain as two split breaks and two split lunch times**

There will continue to be a two break and two lunch system; although this reduces some opportunities for extra-curricular study, it does provide focused social time for year groups

Registration

Punctuality and attendance remain a priority for the school as we continue to work to meet our target of 96% attendance. The most recent statistical data (2018/19) from the Department for Education (DfE) states "Among pupils with no missed sessions over Key Stage 4, 83.7% of pupils attained grades 9 to 4 in English and maths compared to 35.6% of pupils who were persistently absent".

Pastoral Teams

A range of appointments and changes have taken place to increase the capacity of our Pastoral team. This is intended to further enhance the care for pupils and the application of high standards across the school.

The year teams for September 2024 will be:

Senior Leader – Behaviour Operations	Mr Atkinson (Year Leader Year 11)
Year Teams Manager	Miss O'Neill
Year Leader Year 7	Miss Messenger
Assistant Year Leader Year 7	Mrs Addison
Year Leader Year 8	Mr Staniland
Assistant Year Leader Year 8	Mrs O'Hara
Year Leader Year 9	Miss Bird
Assistant Year Leader Year 9	Miss Scott
Year Leader Year 10	Miss Holmes
Assistant Year Leader Year 10	Mr Ali
Senior Assistant Year Leader Year 11	Mrs Adams
Assistant Year Leader Year 11	Miss Baildon

The locations of Year Groups from September 2024 will be:

Year 7 (Current Year 6)	Humanities Faculty
Year 8 (Current Year 7)	English Faculty
Year 9 (Current Year 8)	Maths Faculty
Year 10 (Current Year 9)	DEFT and CBEM Faculties
Year 11 (Current Year 10)	Science Faculty

School Uniform

In response to the directive from the Department for Education (DfE) we previously changed our school uniform to reduce the number of items that have the school logo or any form of school branding – this was also to reduce cost.

UNIFORM

Navy polo shirt with school badge

Navy sweatshirt with school badge

Plain black tailored trousers **Unacceptable styles although not limited to:** Super skinny, hipster, riveted denim, canvas, jeans-style, cropped, ankle grazers, leggings, jeggings, treggings

or/ plain black skirt (non lycra or other stretchy fabric) worn with black opaque tights. The skirt should be no more than 7.5cm (3") above the knee

Plain dark socks that cover the ankle

Plain black shoes with black soles

Suitable winter outdoor coat

Black hijab with year group colour trim (worn for religious reasons)

Please do not assume that if a retailer describes its range as 'school wear' that it matches our expectations. For example, many trousers with stretch material will not have a tailored appearance so may not meet our expectations. If there is any doubt please see our website or contact the Year Team before purchasing uniform.

Our expectations are clear, pupils who do not meet our uniform and appearance standards will be removed from the school community until standards are met.

PE KIT

White polo shirt

Sky/navy shorts and/or TSS black sport leggings or TSS tracksuit bottoms

Navy 1/4 zip training top with school badge.

Black or white sports socks (separate to socks worn for school uniform)

Navy football socks (recommended for football and rugby)

Trainers (no fashion/canvas pumps or 'Converse' styles)

Football boots (recommended for football and rugby)

Optional: Base layers (navy or black) for wearing **UNDER** PE kit during the winter months.

We advise pupils wear shin pads and gum shields during football, hockey and rugby lessons. We insist that pupils with long hair use a hair tie. We will provide an elastic band if required.

You are expected to bring your full PE kit to every lesson. If you don't have it, please:

- Tell your teacher when you arrive for the lesson
- Borrow a school PE kit.

If you need to be excused from a PE lesson due to illness or injury, you must:

- Ensure your parents/carers fill in and sign a **PE Absence Note** at the back of the planner
- Bring your PE kit and get changed for the lesson

No deodorant sprays or perfumes/aftershaves allowed. Roll-on deodorant only.

School Improvement and Self-review

For the previous two years our school improvement focus has highlighted the improvement actions from our most recent OFSTED report of 2022. A wide range of external and internal evaluative processes have shown that significant progress has been made in the development of our Personal Development curriculum and the systems and processes to ensure all SEND learners make rapid progress in all areas. Therefore, whilst these remain as important priorities, there are a range of other areas which will form the key objectives within our action planning and school improvement processes for the coming year. These include:

1. The further development of the myFuture and mental health programmes.
2. A focus on the oracy and wider literacy of all pupils and students.
3. An enhanced system of rewards and cultural opportunities for all pupils and students.
4. Greater opportunities for student leadership and parental engagement

These strategies will be implemented along with a range of others to further develop our ambitious curriculum and the already high quality teaching in all areas.

Summer Works

Over the summer break the following work is planned as part of the Building Maintenance Contract:

- Enhancement of outdoor spaces including benches and canopies
- new flooring in classrooms and corridor spaces
- decorating in corridors and Faculty corridors
- Refurbishment of the changing facilities including floors and benches
- Refurbishment of the small gym

In addition to the contractual programme:

- Installation of upgraded computers in Computer Science rooms and repurposing of some of the current machines

Summer Series Examinations and Results Days

I would like to echo the comments of Mr Morrel about the impressive way in which Years 11 and 13 approached their summer exams. Their focus, positivity and hard work will stand them in good stead, and I look forward to seeing them celebrate their results in August. The arrangements for results days are as follows:

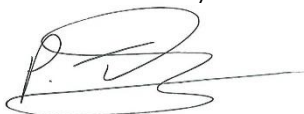
Year 13 results day – 15 August 2024 between 8:30am and 9:30am in the school hall.

Year 11 results day – 22 August 2024 between 10:00am and 11:30am in the school hall.

More details about these arrangements were included in earlier letters from the exams team which are available on the school website.

I wish to end by thanking all parents and carers for your support throughout the last year and I look forward to your continued support in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Temple', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Temple
Headteacher Designate