

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2nd August 2023

Dear Parent, Guardian or Carer

Re: **New Academic Year 2023-24**

I am writing to advise you of important changes which will apply to the new academic year 2023-24 and beyond, at Parkside Studio College and De Salis Studio College, respectively. As you will appreciate, this notice is in direct response to the outcome of the statutory consultation, as outlined and agreed.

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our parents, guardians and carers, together with other related parties and stakeholders, for taking the trouble to consider the proposal prior to the consultation deadline. In so doing, please be assured that colleagues and Trustees have now taken the opportunity to review each of the responses received so as to fully consider all comments provided, in line with expectations.

To this end, it is absolutely clear that our families and stakeholders believe it appropriate and in order for the Studio College academic year to be aligned with the traditional Schools and Colleges of the Trust. Indeed, from the stakeholder responses, the proposal has been embraced by parents, guardians and carers, who believe the revised terms and holidays will enhance the overall offer and better support local families.

With the above in mind, I can confirm that arrangements for the academic year 2023-24 onwards have been accepted, as outlined and published on the College website, and thus will be set in place with effect from September 2023. Accordingly, this means the Autumn Term will now commence on **Wednesday 6th September 2023 for all students**, at the usual time of 8.45am.

In the meantime, it is acknowledged that a number of parents may require transitional arrangements to be made so their child can continue to attend College in the period 19th August to 5th September 2023. In this case, please make direct contact with the College by **Friday 4th August 2023**, so that the necessary interim provision can be determined and secured until the new start of term.

I do of course value your ongoing support and as we look forward to the new academic year, please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



Stewart Duguid
Chair of the Academy Board

