



# Winterton Community Academy

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Ref: term dates/ RFE/ AW

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Dear Parent / Carer,

We recently wrote to you to provide information regarding the proposed 2023-24 academy term dates. Thank you to all those who provided feedback as part of the consultation.

A summary of the feedback is as follows:

- There is an acknowledgement that the length of the Autumn term was counter-productive to pupil progress if it remained as it was.
- Pupil well-being was an important consideration.
- The proposed two-week half-term break gives an opportunity for families to benefit, as has been the experience elsewhere.

Where concerns were raised, feedback included:

- Concerns about the impact of pre-booked holidays based on previously communicated dates.
- The impact of not being aligned to other schools locally (ie. siblings).
- Support for a two-week half-term holiday, but alternative dates were proposed throughout the year.

It is important to consider all the viewpoints and contexts and we would like to thank you for taking the time to do so. As stakeholders you are a vital element of the school community as we strive together to ensure that all the young people are "Safe, Happy and Successful".

Following further reflections, the decision has been taken to proceed with the proposal.

The rationale is that we do believe that the two-week half-term holiday is in the best interests of the pupils to support their learning and especially their well-being.

In the proposal, the Christmas holiday was only reduced by two days. However, we will respect holidays that have already been booked, as we have initiated the change to the dates.

The confirmed dates are below and will also be placed on the academy website.

	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Autumn 1	5-9-23	20-10-23
Autumn 2	6-11-23	21-12-23
Spring 1	4-1-24	9-2-24
Spring 2	19-2-24	28-3-24 (29-3-24 Good Friday)
Summer 1	15-4-24	(6-5-24 Bank Holiday) 24-5-24
Summer 2	3-6-24	23-7-24

Yours sincerely,

R.C Featherstone  
Deputy Headteacher