

Newsletter Term 5 | 12 May 2023

Term Dates for 2022-2023

Term 5 Monday 17 April 2023-Friday 26 May 2023

Term 6 Monday 5 June 2023-Friday 21 July 2023

Inset Days

Friday 7 July 2023 (CLF Inset Day)

Parents' Evening Dates

Year 10

Wednesday 19 July 2023

Year 12 and 13

Wednesday 26 April 2023

*Should any of the above dates be rearranged we will inform parents/carers.

Year 10 Hoodies

Digitech logoed hoodies are available to order for Year 10 students. Hoodies are non-compulsory, however allow students to own a Digitech logoed item of clothing they can wear to school.

Please collect an order form from Reception.



Prom Dress and Suits Donations

We are collecting new and gently used

Prom Dresses

Bridesmaid Dresses

Evening Gowns

Suits

Jewellery

Shoes

Accessories

Clutch Bags

Ties

If you have any of the above items gathering dust in your wardrobe and would like to donate, please feel free to bring this into Digitech reception. Please can all items be clean and gently pre-worn. Any items you can donate would be gratefully received.



Prom 2023

Y11's are invited to the Y11 Prom on Thursday 29th June 2023, please see details below –

Location – Mecure Bristol North Grange Hotel

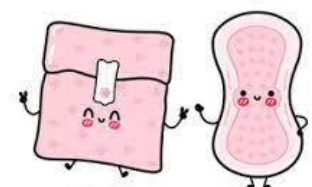
Arrival – 19:00pm -19:30pm

Finish – 23:00pm (All students must be collected no later than 23:00pm)

Dress Code – Formal Evening Attire

Price for the event - £33.00pp which will need to be paid in advance, payments can be made by cash or cheque (Payable to Digitech Studio School). Deadline for payments has moved to Friday 26th May. If you are finding the cost of Prom to be a barrier please come and speak with Chris Ballard.

Sanitary Products available at Reception, please feel free to ask any member of staff if you need this.



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Last Friday our Envision students put on a fantastic Rainbow day raising money for a very worthwhile charity <https://www.akt.org.uk/> a charity which supports LGBTQ+ young people who have been made homeless. They baked and sold tasty treats, painted faces, dressed up in bright colours and raised a grand total of £112.50. Yesterday the team attended an interschools' competition and presented their project and reasons behind choosing it to 4 other schools, teachers, business mentors and a panel of judges - they did brilliantly and ended the morning taking home the WIN! Well done Envision team - Aris, Chloe, Isaac, Jeliss, Joley, Luci and Marnie for all your hard work, passion for your cause and being great ambassadors for our school.



Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Matt

Hi I'm Matt your Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) . I'll be working at the school on Tuesdays.



What is an EMHP?

I work at schools across South Glos and aim to promote and support with better mental health in schools for students, staff, parents and carers.

Part of my role is delivering workshops, working with a young person 1:1, delivering assemblies, or in meetings/ staff training. I practice CBT and use tools such as reframing negative thoughts, worry management, and avoidance/ exposure work.

As part of my work at Digitex I'll be posting updates when i can about latest news, tips, support and signposting related to mental health in this newsletter.



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Mental Health Awareness Week 2023



The Mental Health Foundation is the home of Mental Health Awareness Week. Mental Health Awareness Week 2023 is taking place 15 to 21 May, and the theme is anxiety. Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual event where there is an opportunity for the whole of the UK to focus on achieving good mental health.

www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Please see attached information on tips to cope with Anxiety and a fact sheet on anxiety.

Year 11 Exam Timetable

Exam Weeks Timetable Summer 2023 (Weeks 3 and 4)

5th June	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Key
Before School	Toast it English from 8am		Toast it Maths			Exam All Students
P1	English Language P1		Maths P2			Exam Some Students
P2						Revision All Students
P3	Maths Revision					
P4		Optional Early Finish	Optional Early Finish	Optional Early Finish		
P5					Biology P2	Revision Some Students
P6						
After School						Lessons as normal

12th June	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Key
Before School	Toast it English from 8am	Toast it Chemistry	Toast it Maths		Toast it Physics	Exam All Students
P1	English Language P2	Chemistry P2	Maths P3	Physics	Physics P2	Exam Some Students
P2						
P3	Chemistry	Maths	Physics		Leavers Assembly	Revision All Students
P4						
P5	Optional Early Finish	Optional Early Finish	Optional Early Finish	Optional Early Finish		Revision Some Students
P6						
After School						Lessons as normal

9 May 2023

Re: Proposal to change the length of the school day at Digitech Studio School Bristol

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day at Digitech Studio School Bristol from September 2023. They are:

- School Start Time at 9.00am
- School Finish Time at 3.30pm

In March 2022 the DFE published its white paper '*opportunity for all, strong schools with great teachers for your child*'. Within the paper the government stated its ambition to deliver a richer, longer average school week and address the discrepancy of teaching time between schools. As such it has mandated all mainstream state-funded schools to have minimum school length of 32.5 hours per week by no later the September 2023. Currently Digitech's school hours of an 8:40am start and a 3pm finish, 5 days per week equates to a school week length of 31 hours and 40 minutes. These hours fall short of the mandatory expectations of 32.5 per hours per week from September 2023 and as such to ensure we are complaint with the DFE directive we have proposed to extend the school day by a minimum of 50 minutes per week, with changes to the school start and finish times.

The new proposed school timings mean a later start time and a later finish time for students. The later start time will support students commute to school as many use public transport and have to use multiple buses to get to school due to the vast locality of our intake. Allowing more time for this commute will support students in successfully getting to school on time, improving attendance by reducing U codes and ensuring students do not miss out on elements of their education in the morning.

The later start time will also enable greater opportunity for breakfast clubs and student support in the morning prior to the commencement of timetabled lessons. The school will still be open for students to access from 8:30am.

Furthermore, having a 9am start time for all students means that KS4 and KS5 start times become aligned and strengthens the 14-19 pathway for a studio school setting and in many cases mirrors industry start times within the workplace, which is a key component of successful studio schools supporting students into work.

Should the changes be approved, they will begin from Tuesday 5th September 2023.

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education. The school day timing changes will enable all students to have greater contact time per week with teachers and support staff, subsequently further supporting their academic and pastoral progress at school.

The information in this letter has also been sent to the local authority, local bus service providers e.g. First Bus and schools within the local area. We will make sure to work together so that there is minimal disruption.

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I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your response to info@digitechstudioschool.co.uk

Alternatively, you are welcome to attend a question-and-answer session on Thursday 18th May to discuss any concerns you may have.

A period of consultation on this matter will run from Tuesday 9th May to Wednesday 24th May. We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 26th May and communicate the outcome via letter to all stakeholders and the local authority.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Ballard
Principal