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1st September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we approach the start of the new academic year, I would like to share some important information regarding the start of term arrangements and uniform expectations.

Start of Term Arrangements

The new school term will commence on Tuesday 3rd September 2024. Please note the staggered start times for different year groups:

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| Year 7: | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm (9.20am arrival at Park Road/Back Gate) |
| Year 12: | 9:00 am – 11:30 am (8.50am arrival at Montenotte Road Gate) |
| Years 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13: | 1:55 pm – 2:55 pm (1.45pm arrival – gate info below) |

Year 8 enter via Park Road
Years 9 and 10 enter via the Tennis Courts
Year 11 and 13 enter via Montenotte Road

It is essential that students arrive promptly at their designated times and entrances to ensure a smooth start to the term.

Uniform Requirements

All students are expected to be in full school uniform from the first day of term, Tuesday 3rd. We understand that there have been some challenges in obtaining certain uniform items over the summer. If your child is missing any items, please ensure they bring a note explaining the situation, and we will of course be understanding.

As a reminder, here are some key uniform updates:

- The school jumper is compulsory.
- The introduction of a new school jumper with the logo does not replace the current one. Both are acceptable as part of the uniform for the current academic year. In September 2025 only the jumper with the logo will be permitted.
- Blazers are no longer part of the school uniform and must not be worn.
- Trainers are now permitted but must be completely black. This includes any logos, trim, laces, and other details.

The full information on the school uniform can be found here <https://bit.ly/hwsuniform24>

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to the uniform policy. This helps us maintain a sense of pride and belonging within our school community.

Potential Industrial Action by the NEU

You will be aware from my communication in July that we are trying to resolve a dispute with the NEU. In addition to the three days of strike action that took place before the summer break I also informed you of three further planned days of strike action by the NEU on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September. We are doing all that we can to find a solution to the dispute to avoid further strike action. I have no specific update for you at this point, but as soon as I have I will write to you.

SCOPAY

For families with children in year 7 or starting in year 12, we expect to email families details of their SCOPAY login on Monday.

Welcome to New Staff Members

We will be welcoming a number of new members of staff when the term begins this week.

Teachers

Mr Trattou (PE)
Ms Woolley (Head of Geography)
Mr Pilbeam (Science/Physics)
Ms Pennicot (Food and Art)
Mr Gerrish (PSHEE/Life Skills Lead)
Mr Khalayleh (Economics Subject Lead)
Ms Isaacs (English – Maternity Cover)

Support Staff

Mr Adekunle (IT Technician)
Mr Chohan (Site Assistant)
Mr Warnes (Positive Behaviour Support Officer)

New Roles

Mr Griffith (Acting Head of Year 9 – Maternity Cover for Ms Brown)

A few dates for your diary...

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| • Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 | Students Return to School – Staggered Start |
| • Wednesday 4 th September 2004 | First full day of teaching from 8.30am |
| • Friday 20 th September 2024 | Year 7 Team Building Day |
| • Monday 7 th October 2024 | Year 7 Parents' Information Evening |
| • Thursday 10 th October 2024 | Year 11 Exams Information Evening |
| • Thursday 17 th October 2024 | Primary/Secondary Transition Evening |
| • Tuesday 22 nd October 2024 | Year 11 Parents' Information Evening |
| • Thursday 24 th October 2024 | Year 7 Halloween Disco |
| • Friday 25 th October 2024 | INSET DAY – School Closed |
| • Mon 28 th to Friday 1 st Nov 2024 | Half Term Holiday |

... And Finally

As ever, I will end with a quote.

**Always believe
something wonderful
is about to happen.**

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We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday, and to another successful and productive academic year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support!

Regards



Patrick Cozier

Headteacher