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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back after the Summer Holiday.

The key information below will be useful as you support your child in the first days of the new term and beyond.

Year 7 should attend on Monday, September 4th. Additional information will be sent to parents and carers for this Year Group.

Years 8 - 11 will be attending PLR day. Please see below for further information about these arrangements.

On September 5th

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back, ready to start the day at 08.45.

Year 7 - 11 will start their day lining up with their Tutor Group.

Pupils should go to their usual Line Up area to meet their Tutors.

Timings of the School Day

There have been slight changes to the timings of lessons.

These will be shared with your child in Tutor Time.

Tutor time has been moved to the start of the day.

For Years 7 - 9 there is no longer an early finish.

The teaching day will finish at 15.10 every day, for all pupils.

Equipment & Planners

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the new term.

This includes:

- **school bag**
- pencil case
- plastic waterbottle

It is essential that they carry a school bag with them each day, this should be large enough to contain sports kit on PE days.

The full list of required equipment can be found on the [school website](#).

This year we have reintroduced planners.

Planners will contain all the information your child needs for school.

The planner will be used to record homework and GFM points.

You can write notes in your child's planner so it will be another way for us to communicate.

Your child will need to carry their planner with them, in their school bag, at all times.

Uniform

We look forward to beginning the new term with high expectations in place.

A full list of uniform requirements [can be found here](#).

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child attends school in the correct uniform.

Please can I draw your attention to the following:

- False nails, nail polish and eyelash extensions must be removed **before** the new term begins.
- A single charity bracelet is allowed, as is a single pair of stud ear-rings.
- A clear plastic retainer can be worn in a nose piercing. **No exceptions will be made for new piercings.**
- No rings, necklaces or other jewellery are permitted.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones have been designed to get our attention. Many young people will find it difficult not to have constant access to their phones, once they are back at school. However, we know that it is really important for young people to have a break from their phone in school. Mobile phones have a seriously disruptive impact on the running of the school.

- Mobile phones must be **switched off, in bags**, all the time that young people are on site.
- Mobile phones should not be kept in pockets.
- Please do not contact your child via their mobile phone **during the school day**. If you need to get a message to them urgently please ring reception or email their Tutor.

Please talk to your child and ensure that they understand that you want them to be totally focussed on making progress in school and do not have any expectation that they will check their phone during the school day.

Information Evenings

You will soon be invited to a parent/carer information evening where further key information relevant to your child's year will be shared.

PLR Day

Please see below a reminder of how to book for PLR Day;

Dear Parent/Carers

We wrote to you at the end of the academic year to invite you to the Personal Learning Review Day on Monday 4 September 2023.

If you have already made your appointment thank you, we look forward to seeing you. If you have yet to book your appointment, the following links can be used to access the booking system for each school:

Bay House - <https://bayhouse.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system will allow you to choose your appointment time slot. In the comments box please inform us if you are meeting in person or online. The booking system will close on Friday 1 September at 19.00.

Where parents and pupils are joining the meeting online, please follow these instructions (which includes information about adding an additional parent to the meeting if you are at separate locations):
How to attend appointments via video call.

If you are meeting us in person, please aim to arrive 5 minutes ahead of your appointment time to ensure you have access to your full appointment slot. Face to face meetings will be taking place at the Beacon Arts Centre for Bay House parents and pupils. Limited parking will available on the main school sites.

We trust that you will enjoy the remaining period of the holiday and look forward to the term ahead.

Kind regards

Chris Willis - Headteacher

Ryan Peet - Executive Headteacher

Luke Adderley - Associate Headteacher

Alice Harlan - Deputy Associate Headteacher