



24th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

We write to you as our fantastic students are on the cusp of entering their new year groups, with a new academic year starting on Monday 27th June. This incredibly important milestone comes after an exciting few weeks at Benton Park.

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 6 students from our excellent feeder primary schools over the last couple of weeks. They have all enjoyed two transition days now and they are really looking forward to entering Year 7 in September.

After being deprived of so many school events over the last couple of years, we were thrilled to show off our new building with the Parent/Carers of our School Prize winners during two memorable evenings last week. Student trips and visits becoming part of our normal way of working has been a welcome return to our school calendar over the last few months. Yesterday it was amazing to see so many students rewarded for their great work this year, as they participated in a variety of different enrichment activities that were on offer.

We would also like to commend our Year 11 and 13 students on how well they have conducted themselves during our first traditional exam season for a couple of years and we look forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students at next week's Prom.

Entering a new year group and the opportunities and challenges that this provides makes now a perfect time for some self-reflection from our students. We want every Benton Park student to leave us as a sophisticated learner with mature academic habits and the social skills to be the best version of themselves that they can be. This in turn will provide them with a choice of pathways, enabling them to pursue a career that gives them fulfilment. Every lesson at school is a building block to this ultimate goal, with the Attitude to Learning of students the most decisive factor in how successful they will be. Consequently, we encourage all students to be brave in lessons and be prepared to answer questions and offer their opinions. The demonstration of positive learning behaviours in the classroom, associated with reflective and enquiring learners, is crucial to their ongoing development and progress as they continue to navigate their way through the school.

Your role as Parent/Carers is critical as we move into a New Academic Year to make sure your child is fully prepared, ensuring they have all the correct uniform and equipment, as well as a positive approach to their learning.

As students move into their new year groups on Monday we are returning to our pre-pandemic school start time of 8.25am for **all students**. School bus times will remain the same. We would like to take this opportunity to remind students of the importance of punctuality at the start of the school day, as well as to lessons. All students are now very well acquainted with the new building. Students will receive new timetables on Monday so consequently we will spend some time on Monday morning highlighting the most direct routes to classrooms that they may have not visited before. Therefore, there should be no lateness to lessons.

When students arrive on Monday morning they should use the following entrances:

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- New Year 8 West Wing Entrance
- New Year 9 Dining Room Entrance
- New Year 10 East Wing Entrance
- New Year 11 East Wing Entrance

In addition to our work on movement around school, students will spend time with their Form Tutor on Monday morning reflecting on their Attitude to Learning and promoting the importance of high aspirations. This will ensure a positive and purposeful start to their new year group over the next four weeks, laying the foundations for future success.

If you would like to discuss your child's Attitude to Learning in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact their Key Stage Leader on the details below:

- Key Stage 3 - Mrs Collins on samanther.collins@bentonpark.net
- Key Stage 4 – Mr Ross on mark.ross@bentonpark.net

As always, your support of school and our students is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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