



12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to a relaxing festive break.

As I approach the end of my first term as Headteacher, I would like to thank you all for your support in our continued shared desire for educational excellence. It has been a fantastic term so far with a number of successes including our Open Day and Sixth Form Open Evening, many notable sporting successes and a range of educational visits. It has been wonderful to meet so many current and prospective parents/carers through the events we have been able to host within the school. We have more to look forward to in the coming term including our school production of 'Matilda' as well as a number of parent/carer events both in-school and virtually.

Whilst we are all looking forward to the break, our planning for the spring term is already in place and we wanted to remind you of a few of our continuing key priorities to ensure we are maximising learning to support the progress and attainment of all of our students.

## Rewards

Rewards continue to be at the heart of our Attitude to Learning framework and we are always looking for opportunities to reward and praise our students. All rewards earned count towards earning weekly, half-termly and termly prizes including our annual reward trips and our Year 11 Prom.

We will be rewarding students for displaying our school values of Endeavour, Resilience, Inspiration, Collaboration and Compassion. Each value reward will be worth one point. If students complete a week with 100% attendance without any negative comments, they will achieve a *clean slate* which will be worth 25 points. All positive communication home, whether that be an email, phone call or postcard will achieve 5 points. Please ensure that we hold up-to-date details for you so that you are able to receive notification about these rewards.

Our parent portal Edulink is a great way to keep track of the rewards your child is achieving. A user guide on how to download the App is [available here](#) and if you need details of your login please contact us on the email below.

## Attitude to Learning Framework

Our work on rewards is underpinned by our Attitude to Learning framework. Our students know what is expected of them each and every day to ensure they are successful learners and achieve their full potential. Earlier this term we introduced same day detentions for students who arrived late to school and we will be extending this same day 30 minute after school detention system for students who fail to respond positively and appropriately to our in-class expectations and risk disturbing the learning of others.

The purpose of this will be to reinforce our expectations and in many cases, hold restorative conversations with members of staff to ensure that they can approach the next lesson with a

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fresh start. Parents/carers will be advised by email informing them of a same day detention for their child. Again, please ensure that your details are up to date in our system by logging in to Edulink to check

## **Return to school**

All students will return to school on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023. Students should arrive on the school site by 8.25am. On arrival to school, students should go straight to their Form room.

We want all of our students to enjoy a strong and positive start to the new term and to facilitate this we would like to remind you of our uniform expectations details of which can be found on this link to our website <http://www.bentonpark.org.uk/uniform/59.html>.

I really hope that your child enjoys the festive break and thank you for your ongoing support of the school. I am very much looking forward to our continued work together and as always should you have any queries regarding any of the information outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact us on [secretary@bentonpark.net](mailto:secretary@bentonpark.net).

Yours sincerely,

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