



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Welcome back!**

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break, whether at home or further afield.

The first week of term has been very positive indeed. It has been a great privilege seeing all students return to school and, of course, welcoming our new Year 7 students who have settled in very well.

The new Positive Attitude to Learning (PA2L) policy has been well-received and the atmosphere around school is definitely more buoyant.

#### **GCSE Results**

It was a great pleasure to see so many past Year 11 students in August to issue them with their well-deserved and long-awaited exam results. There were some amazing individual achievements and, most importantly, the vast majority gained the grades necessary for the next stage of their journey.

I would like to thank all the staff involved, especially Ms Fletcher and Mrs Thornton, who worked tirelessly over the summer in preparation for their release.

We are looking forward to celebrating in person at our usual Presentation Evening on Thursday 9 November 2023.

#### **Uniform**

Students are looking very smart around school and I would like to reiterate my thanks to parents and carers for ensuring that our uniform policy is adhered to. It has been extremely hot in school this week and, of course, it would be unreasonable to expect students to wear jumpers. This amendment to the policy will remain permanently, therefore jumpers are no longer mandatory. However, if students do wish to wear an additional layer, this must be the BBEC jumper in the correct colour of their year group.

#### **PA2L Policy**

The vast majority of students have responded very well to our new "Positive Attitude to Learning" policy and have gained plenty of positive stamps and justified praise. Please do try and have a look at their ARCK Records each day so that you can congratulate your child on their hard work and support them with improvements where necessary. One of the main aims of the new policy is to avoid escalation of sanctions, so if you notice an increase in negative comments, please reiterate that these will lead to unnecessary detentions when often things can be "nipped in the bud" early.

A reminder that as part of the PA2L policy we are taking a much stricter line with equipment not being brought to school each day. Students need to arrive at school ready to learn and it is therefore important that all students bring their 'Simple 7' to school each day.

**Above all, please ensure that your child has their ARCK Record with them every day.**

### **Enrichment Activities/Clubs**

We are proud of our enrichment offer, which has an array of activities in place before school, during lunchtimes and after school. As well as the subject benefits for students involved, these also enable important social development, building confidence and character, and we would encourage all students to take part.

For details of our Extra Curricular activities – please click: [Extra-Curricular Activities Autumn 2023](#)

### **ClassCharts**

This year, all teachers will be setting homework via Class Charts. Students have been given their Class Chart codes to log in and have recorded the code into their ARCK booklet on page 30. Please remind your child to download the app onto their phones and check this app on a daily basis. If your child has misplaced their code, please ask them to see their form tutor who will provide it to them. Parents will be receiving their Class Chart codes over the next few weeks. For details of how to set up your child on Class Charts – please click: Slide 1 (classcharts.com). At present we are only using the homework facility.

### **Dates for diaries**

12 & 13 Sept - Yr10 Bronze DofE practice expedition (*students involved have had communication home*)

21 Sept – Open Evening 6pm-8pm

26 Sept – Yr10 Fine Art & Photography visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

28 Sept – Yr7 Meet the Tutor Evening

28 & 29 Sept – Yr10 Bronze DofE expedition (*students involved have had communication home*)

5 & 6 Oct – Yr8 Saltaire Art Trip (*students involved have had communication home*)

9 – 13 Oct – Prefect Election Week

10 Oct – Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day

11 & 12 Oct – Yr11 Hospitality and Catering Unit 2 Practical Cooking Exam

13 Oct – Yr11 Practical Mocks and MFL Speaking Exam

16 – 19 Oct - Yr11 Practical Mocks and MFL Speaking Exam

18 Oct – Yr11 Revision Launch

19 Oct – Break up for October half-term

30 Oct – School opens for half-term two

School holiday details for 2023-2024 can be found on our website: [School Holidays 2023-2024](#)

Best wishes



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