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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break, with plenty of time to relax, unwind and spend quality time with friends and family.

The first week of term has been nothing short of excellent. Our new Year 7 students have settled in extremely well and it has been fantastic seeing all other students returning to school ready for the new term. I am always looking forward to what lies ahead at this time of year, but the feel around school has been even more buoyant than usual, with both students and staff having high expectations of themselves and others.

GCSE Results

Following the positive Ofsted report in June, I was delighted to receive the GCSE outcomes this year, which confirmed the improvements made at BBEC over recent years.

It was a 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, with a significant number of students performing way above the national average.

In terms of whole school outcomes, improvements were made in all of the key areas, with a 12% increase in students achieving grade 4 or above in English and Maths, and a 10% increase in students achieving grade 5 and above in these subjects when compared to last year.

Needless to say, I am tremendously proud of our past Year 11 students. All of their hard work and commitment, and that of their teachers, support staff and families, has paid off. Of course, the bar has been set now, and our current Year 11 students have every opportunity to meet or even exceed those high standards this year.

We are looking forward to celebrating in person at our usual Presentation Evening on 23 October 2025, when other awards for current students will also be presented.



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. Getting it right from the start is so important therefore, if we do need to contact you, thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

PA2L Policy and use of ClassCharts

Our Positive Attitude to Learning Policy now enters its third year of operation and is well established amongst students and staff. May I take this opportunity to remind you that the policy is designed to reward students who are 'getting it right' but also to sanction students who are disrupting the learning of others. It is only fair to ensure that we protect the educational experience of students who are meeting our ARCK values day in day out.

Our rewards target for the first half term is 280 NET points, and this is very achievable for every student in school if they make good choices and follow our ARCK values.

To support our monitoring of behaviours (positive and negative) we continue to have ClassCharts in place across the school. As previously communicated, please ensure that you have downloaded the 'ClassCharts for Parents' app and logged in using the code provided by your child's form tutor. This is essential to see positives, negatives, detentions, homeworks, daily attendance and their timetable. A reminder that detentions are only communicated via the ClassCharts app and it is parent/carer's responsibility to make arrangements to ensure that your child can complete the detention as scheduled.

Teaching and Learning Priorities

I have been impressed with the excellent start students have shown towards their learning rising to the challenges that teachers are asking them to complete. Feedback from lesson visits shows that students are consistently displaying our ARCK values when applying themselves to their classwork and are setting themselves high standards for what they want to achieve. We would like to see students apply themselves in the same way to work teachers ask them to complete at home. There is plenty of evidence that shows that regular completion of homework helps students to understand their classwork better. As a reminder the Learning Resource Centre (Library) is open to all students to access after school from 3.00pm -4.00pm.

Year 10 students have also settled well and have expressed how pleased they are with their new subjects. Students have adapted well to the heightened expectations that come with studying GCSE and BTEC courses. Over the next few weeks, target grades will be shared with all students so that they understand what we as a school believe they can achieve at the end of Year 11.

Attendance

Our GCSE results this year demonstrated the huge importance of regular attendance at school.

Our data analysis clearly shows that those students who attended on time achieved way beyond expectations, whilst those who attended less than 80% of the time simply did not.

Our target for all students is 97% attendance across the school year, which equates to no more than one day off per half term. Attendance every day is crucial to success. A reminder that holidays will not be authorised during term time and penalty notices will be issued promptly. We thank you for your support in advance in arranging holidays outside of term time.

Finally, please be aware that school doors now shut at 8.30am, meaning all students who arrive after this time will need to enter school via the 'Late Gate'. Your child will need to queue to enter school and sanctions will apply. Please ensure that your child arrives at school with enough time to ensure that they can enter school via the student doors by 8.30am.

Dates for diaries

18 Sept - Open Evening – school closes from 1.30pm for students

25 Sept - Yr7 Meet the Tutor / Yr8-Yr11 Tutor phone calls home

16 Oct - Yr11 Progress Evening

23 Oct - Presentation Evening @ Bradford Cathedral - invitation only

23 Oct - break up for October half-term

3 Nov - whole school returns to school

4-19 Nov - Yr11 Mocks

13 Nov - Aspirations Evening 5.30pm-7pm

17 Nov - Yr8 & Yr10 reports issued

27 Nov - Yr9 reports issued

28 November - training day - school closed to students

1 Dec - Whole school Flu immunisations (students who have signed up)

8 Dec - Yr7 reports issued

10 Dec - Performing Arts Winter Showcase 5pm

11 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

11 Dec - Senior Citizens Christmas Party (invitation only)

19 Dec - Yr11 reports issued

19 Dec - break up for Christmas period

School holiday details for 2025-2026 can be found on our website: [SCHOOL DAY / HOLIDAY DATES | BBEC \(buttershaw.net\)](https://www.buttershaw.net/SCHOOL_DAY/HOLIDAY_DATES)

Best wishes



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