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Dear Parents / carers

We re looking forward to welcoming your child to the BBEC family in September and we hope your child is looking forward to it too. What a year it's been! I know for many parents/carers, students and staff this has been a year where anxiety has dominated and concerns about the safety of loved ones has been at the forefront of our minds. As we finish the year we are thinking about those who have lost someone close, those who have been ill with Covid-19 and those who are still suffering. Our love goes out to you all. We really hope that the start of the new school year will bring more hope and greater normality.

In school we have been reflecting on how the BBEC family has coped and we all agree that everyone has shown great resilience whether it's the children working from home during isolation, our Year 11 who once again did not have the chance to sit exams or enjoy their prom, parents/carers who have adapted so well to this strange system - we have received so many lovely positive messages - and teachers who have had to walk between bubbles to teach rather than having their own room (100,000 steps in a week has not been unusual!). The kindness that has been shown during this difficult time has been very gratifying; we have seen students helping other students when they have been down, have heard from parents about how lovely their children have been helping at home and have seen real thoughtfulness in school between students and staff. It makes us all so proud to be part of this fantastic community. We are also proud that even during this difficult year students have thought of others, they respectfully marked Remembrance Day in November, supported Captain Sir Tom's charity for the NHS, Red Nose Day, #HelloYellow (a charity event supporting positive mental health), Children in Need, and this week students and staff are raising money for Cancer Research UK with their Race for Life. We welcome all our new Year 7 students and hope that they will have many opportunities like this when they join us.

In spite of all the disruption we have still been working behind the scenes to improve teaching and learning even more and, although our Year 11 did not have the chance to sit formal examinations this summer, we believe that our robust assessments show that they will have produced our best results ever – again! This is a huge credit to the ambition and resilience shown by our students and their teachers. We are pleased to say that nearly all our Year 11 students have already secured a Post 16 place at a sixth form, college or on an apprenticeship. Well done to all of them!

We are all very excited about the strategies that we will be introducing next year to improve BBEC even further; our governing body has been strengthened and we are fully staffed for September. We are all set to continue with the plan to make BBEC the very best it can be. I look forward to next year being exciting and successful for our students and hopefully much calmer than this year.

The current messages from the government seem to indicate that school will return to normal in September. At present we think this means no more bubbles and no more contact tracing in school, although students with parental consent will need to be tested twice in school during the first week back. If the government changes their mind over the summer break we will let you know.

There are some important documents in this pack about the start of the new term and how we are planning to run our Year 7 transition in September.



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Return to School in September 2021

Year 7 students will be expected to attend school from Tuesday 7th September. **Arrival to school for the first day should be from 8.20am and all students should be on site by 8.40am at the latest.** (Normal start to school day from day two onwards will be between 8.15am and 8.30am, by which time all students must be on site).

The first week of school for Year 7 will be a combination of transition and induction activities along with meeting form tutors and starting some lessons. **Year 7 students will have a PE lesson on either their first or second day so please ensure that PE kit is brought to school.** The first week of school will see a staggered return for all other year groups allowing new Year 7 students to learn their way around the building and get used to our expectations and routines.

COVID-19 Testing

The staggered return will also allow all students (who have parental consent) to be tested twice for COVID-19 in our on-site testing facility. Further information about this and how to provide consent for testing will be sent in a separate communication.

Breaks, Lunches and Food

Food will be provided free of charge for all new Year 7 students at break and lunch on their first day. We will also provide food at break on day two free of charge. **From lunch onwards on day two parents will need to add credit to your child's 'Parent Pay' account. Details of how to do this are enclosed with this letter.** Students eligible for free school meals do not need to take any action.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort as your child joins the BBEC family. The latest edition of our school magazine 'BBEC Buzz' has been enclosed with this letter and can be found on our website at <https://www.buttershaw.net/bbec-buzz-summer-edition-2021/>. Please take a look to see the sort of things that have been going on at BBEC this term. We hope that your child will have the chance to join even more activities next year.

I hope that you have a lovely relaxing and sunny break and look forward to seeing you next term.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Hartley
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