



23 July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

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 in the BBEC family who have lost someone close, those who have been ill with COVID 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 – thank you so much for all the lovely positive messages we have received – 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.

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 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. Thank you for all your support this year and for the many messages we have received thanking our staff for the help they have given to your children / our students. 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 permission will still need to be tested twice in school during the first week back. Instructions may change over the holiday and we will keep you informed as the government lets us know.



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Please see the attached information with details of the return to school in September. Following government guidelines, we are having a staggered start at the beginning of the term. This will allow us to complete the required tests and introduce students to the new way that school will run.

There is also some detailed information about uniform and behaviour expectations for the new school year. It is essential that all parents and students are aware of these expectations ready for the return to more normal routines in September. A reminder of the correct uniform colours is below.

Year group	Jumper	Tie
7	Purple	Purple
8	Green	Green
9	Grey	Yellow
10	Black	Red
11	Black	Silver

We look forward to welcoming all our students back and our new Year 7 joining the BBEC family. The latest edition of our school magazine 'BBEC Buzz' can be found on our website at <https://www.buttershaw.net/bbec-buzz-summer-edition-2021/>

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

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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Return to school in September 2021

Staggered start to the year

In line with the latest government guidance we will be operating a staggered start to the year to allow for testing of students for COVID-19. It will also allow us to run an in-depth induction day for each individual year group; particularly for years 8 and 9 as both of these year groups are yet to experience an uninterrupted year of study at BBEC. There will be a big focus on a return to routines for students and for many students this will be the first opportunity to experience BBEC without year group bubbles in operation.

The plan for the return to school for each year group can be seen on the reverse of this letter.

Remote Learning

There will be an expectation that students are completing remote learning whilst the staggered return to school is in operation. The government has directed schools to provide work for all students during the course of the staggered return to school. **This will be provided via Microsoft Teams in the usual way and students are all fully aware of how to access this from their devices at home.**

COVID-19 testing

The government has also advised us that all consenting students are required to be offered two COVID-19 lateral flow device tests in our onsite testing facility when they return to school in September. This will operate in a very similar way to when we ran this in March on our return from lockdown. **Each student will have a specific appointment time and these will be communicated out via text message over the summer holiday.**

By staggering the return to school the aim is to have all testing completed within a week to limit the impact on the learning time of students.

Consent for testing

If any parents wish to give consent for testing and haven't done this already then this can be completed at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2eaf6e8p>

You do not need to give consent again if you have already done so.

If there are any questions about the content of this letter then please contact school using the usual phone numbers or the admin@buttershaw.net email address.

Yours sincerley

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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Friday 3 rd September	COVID Test 1	COVID Test 1	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday
Monday 6 th September	Training day for staff – students not expected in school (unless COVID testing)				
			COVID Test 1	COVID Test 1	
Tuesday 7 th September	Transition Day and COVID Test 2	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	COVID Test 1
Wednesday 8 th September	Induction Day	COVID Test 2 and Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
Thursday 9 th September	In school	Year 8 Induction Day	COVID Test 2 and Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
Friday 10 th September	In school	Remote Learning	Year 9 Induction Day	COVID Test 2 and Remote Learning	COVID Test 2 and Remote Learning
Monday 13 th September	In school	In school	In school	Year 10 Induction Day (arrival for 9.30am)	Year 11 Induction Day (arrival for 8.30am)
Tuesday 14 th September	Normal Timetable resumes for all year groups				



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