



22 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are safe and well and have survived the recent heatwave! As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to reflect briefly on the past year and to include some important information for the start of next year.

For all of us, this has been a year about trying to get back to normality; the BBEC family has shown great resilience as we all get back into the routines which are so important. The school year has returned to normal, not least GCSE exams returning in their usual format and our students being able to perform and demonstrate how much progress they have made during the most difficult of times. It has also been great to see the other side of school life opening up again – those experiences and events which create our school memories: Horizons day trips, rewards trips, work experience, sports days and the school production last week, 'A Night at the Musicals'.

We are proud of the progress we have made as a school, and we will continue to develop and implement strategies 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.

Please find below important information about our return to school in September:

**1. First Day – Year 9, Thursday 8 September 8.30am**

- We have planned a phased return of students throughout the first week so that all students have time to be introduced to the new school year and school expectations.
- The school will be open earlier in the week. If you would like to speak to your child's form tutor or another member of staff about your child's progress, please contact the school to make an appointment.
- On the first day Year 9 students should arrive no earlier than **8.00am**. **On every day, the school is open from 8.00am and all students should be on site by 8.30am. As with every day, it is vital that students attend and are on time.**
- Year 9 students will spend the first part of their day with tutors, before going to lessons after break – this will allow tutors to continue to explain the BBEC way and to address any questions or issues which arise.

**2. Uniform**

When Year 9 students start, they should be in **full school uniform**. Please see the attached uniform and rules information sheet.

**Please note PE kit is not needed on Thursday 8 September.**

**3. Lockers**

As you are aware we will be replacing all student lockers over the summer. Students who have a locker should bring their current locker key when they return in September and it will be replaced with a new locker key. If your child has lost their key or they don't currently have a locker, a key can be purchased for £5 cash from student reception during the first week back.

**4. Equipment**

It is important that each student comes **fully equipped** and ready to learn each day. We expect every student to have the **'Simple 7'** items of equipment with them at all times.



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Every student must have a **school bag**, large enough to carry their **planner**, books and PE kit when they have PE. This should be brought to school every day.

They must also have their **own pencil case** with the 'Simple 7':

- 2 x pens,
- 2 x pencils,
- ruler,
- rubber,
- Casio scientific calculator (as illustrated)
- Planner
- Bag (large enough to fit A4)



If possible students should also have a green and purple pen.

Each Year 9 student will be expected to carry their **planner** with them each day (they will receive the planner on their first day in September).

### 5. Attendance

Our target for student attendance is **97%**. Even students who meet this target miss **five days** of school in an academic year and miss 35 lessons. **Good attendance is vital for every child to do their absolute best.**

Our school magazine, BBEC Buzz can be found on our website at [BBEC-BUZZ-SPRING-2022-FOR-WEB.pdf \(buttershaw.net\)](https://www.buttershaw.net/BBEC-BUZZ-SPRING-2022-FOR-WEB.pdf) Please take a look to see the sort of things that have been going on at BBEC this term. We hope that students will have the chance to enjoy 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



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