

12 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather that we are having; it is nice to see students making use of the school field at lunchtimes and enjoying our wonderful site.

We have taken the decision that from tomorrow, until further notice, students do not need to wear their blazers and do not need to bring them to school. Please be reminded that coats/jackets/hoodies are not to be worn instead of a blazer. **The Student Leadership Team will need to bring their blazers in to school on Thursday for photographs.**

Year 11 are to be congratulated on the conduct and attitude that they have shown so far during this exam series. Several invigilators have commented on their respectful and polite behaviour and their mature attitude towards taking the exams. We wish them luck in the next few weeks as they finish their formal education at Key Stage 4, and we look forward to welcoming some of the cohort back to our Sixth Form provision in September.

Congratulations to our new Student Leadership Team who have been appointed ready to take up their positions in Term 6 and next year. Bradon Forest School has a strong history of student leadership, and we received some excellent applications this year. From the very strong field we have appointed the following students and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve in their roles:

Head Students : David C, James L, Leah P and Faiza U

Deputy Head Students : Romi B , Jamie H, Thea K and Maisey T

Diversity Advisors: Shalimar B, Courtney- Leigh O, Kartar B and Koroush K

Anti-Bullying Leaders: Cameron B, Isobel K and Jenny T

Please can I encourage you to participate in the National "Thank a Teacher Day" campaign where students and parents can actively thank teachers and support staff by completing an online form. Last year we received some lovely submissions and it had a positive impact on the whole school community. You can find further details on the links below and start to complete your submissions any time from now (if you do not know the member of staff's email address, they will be directed to our enquiry inbox and passed on):

[A day of celebrations to last all year: National Thank a Teacher Day! - Thank a Teacher Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher](#)



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On 19 June 2023 we will begin our revised timetable that allows the current Year 9 students to start their GCSE courses and classes. This shift brings an excellent opportunity to refine our morning routines where students line up in tutor groups and the whole school community is outside. Ofsted were very positive about this calm start to the day when they visited us in February and March, and we will continue to ask students to be ready in line, in uniform, in tutor groups, alphabetically and facing the front.

We will move Year 9 and 10 into their new line up areas and we have decided to introduce an extra bell at 8:45 to signal to students that this is the moment that they need to be in place. Any student who is not in line alphabetically when the bell rings at 8:45 will be asked to move to the hall where their name will be taken and, if it is a repeat offence, sanctions given. Our purpose in tweaking the morning routine is to enable a swifter and more streamlined start to the day – the majority of students already do this routinely.

As there are only a few weeks left of term we have also decide to keep the early lunch time of 12.35pm for the rest of this year.

June and July also bring lots of opportunities for students to get involved with. June is Pride month and we have a range of activities organised in school including a Rainbow Photography Competition, a Baking Competition, a pop up shop and a Pride Picnic on the 16 June 2023. Sports Day (Year 7-9) is on 26 June 2023 and we encourage as many students to get involved as possible to represent their House and win the trophy! We also look forward to welcoming our new Year 7s for their induction days in July.

As always, thank you for your support of the school and if you aren't already, please follow us on social media to receive regular updates of our school community 'achieving excellence together'. Also, please remember if you can take 5 minutes to thank a teacher or member of staff, it would be greatly appreciated: [Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher](#)

Best wishes



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