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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the Deptford Green family. As the Head of Year for Year 7 at Deptford Green School. It has been great to see all our new students after the summer break as parents and carers you have supported myself and team of tutors and the school in ensuring your child was ready to join our growing and inclusive community.

With our communication, relationship and partnership being so important, I am writing to you to inform you of key staff and dates, our Behaviour for Learning Policy, and positive contributions to school life. Again, I am looking forward to building on our relationship and having a successful year with both you and your child. To ensure your child's journey at Deptford Green is both positive and successful. I would like to ask for your support by going through the content of this letter with your child.

Your child will have a year group assembly every Friday. This is a time where we come together as a group to celebrate success and share how great we have been as a year group and look forward to building on our success and achievements. Already I have seen an enthusiasm to learn and participate in both lessons and after-school enrichment activities. During the school's first ever Fresher's Fayre the year group displayed kindness, and respect to each other and staff, and were an example of what we want to see in our wider society.

Key Contacts:

Below are the contact details for key staff members associated with your child

Tutors

7NO- Mr Noble (Bnoble@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

7AU- Ms. Austin-Burdett (Jaustinburdett@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

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7HA- Mr Harrison (Jharrison@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

7AM- Ms Ameenuddin (Nameenuddin@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

7ZI- Mr Zikusosa (Mzikusosa@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

7NE- Mr Neil (Aneil@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

Pastoral Leader Ms Kaseba (skaseba@deptfordgreen.co.uk) (Ext:203)



Head of Year Myself, Mr. J. Sinclair (Jsinclair@deptfordgreen.co.uk) (Ext:205)

Key dates for Year 7

Date: Event

24/9/24 Meet the Tutor evening

4/11/25 Year 7 Celebration breakfast

22/04/25 Year 7 Celebration breakfast

22/04/25 Year 7 Parents evening

24/06/25 Year 7 Graduation

21/07/25 Sports Day

Behaviour for Learning policy reminders

I would like to just remind you of our behaviour policy and ask that you remind and support our young learners to meet the expectations. These expectations ensure the safety and welfare of all pupils.

Behaviours that would warrant an after-school reflection are truancy, patrol (teacher requests support after issuing two reminders), on-called (removal from lesson) inadequate work and/or incomplete home learning.

The following behaviours will also result in a lunchtime reflection of 30 minutes- chewing gum, poor out of lesson behaviour, lateness to school/lessons, unkind behaviour, missing equipment/uniform/home learning booklet, phone confiscated.

Any racist, homophobic or sexist incident will be logged on our safeguarding platform and students will receive a sanction and an intervention.

Attendance and Punctuality

Great attendance is imperative to being successful at GCSE level and beyond. As the Year 7 students begin their secondary school journey, every lesson does count. It is very important that your child attends school every day. We understand that absences due to illnesses can happen, therefore we would appreciate it if you could report any absence on our school attendance platform which is Studybugs. If you have any issues accessing the platform, please can you send me an email. Students who have 96-100% attendance miss less learning time and are much more able to achieve their full potential. Please ensure your child is meeting our attendance expectations and that they arrive at school on time. If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify a member of your child's pastoral team so that we know they are at home safe, and we do not need to waste valuable time following up unknown absences.

Safeguarding – social media and Getting Home Safely



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As our young people grow up, they will be communicating more and more through social media. This can be a brilliant way of keeping in touch with friends but can also pose risks of which pupils will be learning about in PSHE. I would recommend having honest and open discussions with your child about their use of social media and checking through any conversations or apps that you have concerns about.

Finally, can I take the opportunity to remind you of our expectations of students at the end of the day. We want all our students to get home safely. We therefore have staff on duty until 3.30pm every day. Please remind your child of the importance of leaving school and going straight home and not hanging around the local community.

Positive contributions to school life

I have been incredibly impressed with the start that all students have made to Year 7. Although it is early, the effort and maturity the students have shown has been excellent. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the top 10 LORIC point earners so far:

Lowri 7HA

Anna C 7NO

Qadria 7HA

Isabella J 7NE

Livian 7AM

Erin 7HA

Aillen 7PH

Elizabeth O 7PH

Matthew D 7DL

Ase 7NE

Class Charts

Class Charts in our online platform used to reward, set home learning, and sanction students. As parents and carers, you will have received an email with a parent code enabling you to log in and check your child's progress daily. I would ask you to have regular daily conversations



with your child about their points and at the end of the week review and if possible, reward their efforts. As their Head of Year, I will be regularly celebrating your child's efforts.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please get in touch if you require any further information or support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sinclair

Head of Year 7