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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. It is with great excitement and a deep sense of responsibility that I write to you as the new Head of Year at Deptford Green School.

From the outset, I have been warmly welcomed by our students, and I want to take this opportunity to commend them for the way they have already begun to build a positive rapport with me. It is clear that they come to school each day with the values of respect, kindness, and a readiness to engage—qualities that I know begin at home. Thank you for all you do to support and guide them; your influence is deeply appreciated and felt across the school community.

As I step into this role, I want to share with you my vision for the year ahead. I am committed to working closely with staff, students, and families to ensure that every young person in our year group is supported and challenged to achieve their very best. In particular, I will be focusing on:

- **Improving attendance:** We know that every day in school counts. Regular attendance is key to academic success, personal development, and social wellbeing. I will be working with students and families to remove any barriers to consistent attendance and ensure all students feel safe, valued, and motivated to be here every day.
- **Raising the quality of student work:** High expectations and pride in their work help students to grow in confidence and independence. We'll be encouraging students to give their best effort in every lesson, to engage actively in feedback, and to take ownership of their learning journey.
- **Improving the completion and quality of home learning:** Homework is a vital part of reinforcing what is taught in the classroom and building independent learning habits. We'll be supporting students to manage their time effectively, complete their assignments on time, and aim for high standards in everything they submit.

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 an effective relationship and having a successful year with both you and your child. 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 Wednesday. 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.



## Key Contacts

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

### Tutors

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Head of Year Myself, Ms F. Boyefio ([FBoyefio@deptfordgreen.co.uk](mailto:FBoyefio@deptfordgreen.co.uk)) (Ext:130)

### Key dates for Year 8

Date: Event

13/05/26 Year 8 Celebration breakfast

13/05/26 Year 8 Parents evening

22/05/25 Year 8 HPV Vaccination

21/07/26 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 changes ensure the safety and welfare of all pupils.

In addition, behaviours that would warrant an after-school reflection (truancy, poor corridor behaviour, patrol support, unkind behaviours, on-called, coat on, no jumper or blazer, phone confiscated). The following behaviours will also result in an after-school reflection of 30 minutes-

- Breaking toilet protocol (Using incorrect toilets or more than one student in a cubicle)
- Chewing gum



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· Racist/homophobic/sexist incident

### Attendance and Punctuality

Great attendance is imperative to being successful at GCSE level and beyond; 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

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 would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the top 10 LORIC point earners so far:

Anastasia (8WI)

Roberts (8DJ)

Meliyah (8DJ)

Yusuf (8DL)

Daisy (8WI)

Rae (8WI)



Lexiee (8DJ)

Zeinab (8DJ)

Silas (8WI)

Ollie (8DJ)

### Class Charts

A reminder that 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.

Together, we can create the right environment for every student to thrive—not just academically, but personally and socially. I believe that partnership between school and home is vital, and I truly look forward to working with you throughout the year to ensure the success of your child.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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