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Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term!

I hope this communication finds you well.

As we reflect on the Autumn term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements of our Year 8 students. It has been a fantastic start to the year, with students embracing new challenges, developing their skills, and making great strides in their learning. Most recently, the students received their reports, which provide valuable insights into their progress. We encourage them to take the time to reflect on the feedback provided, to celebrate their successes, and to consider areas for growth as they move into the second term of their Year 8 journey. The report offers an excellent opportunity for students to plan their approach to learning and behaviour, ensuring they continue to excel in both their academic work and personal development. As well as an opportunity to seek support where necessary.

Below are a few reminders and key information:

Uniform and equipment: Students should have their name on all items of clothing and equipment, so that these can be returned if they are lost.

Students should wear a school tie with dark blue stripes. White shirt and blazer; trousers or skirts must be worn with sensible black trainers (including Vans and Converse), school jumpers or blazer. Top buttons need to be done, and shirts tucked in at all times.

Students are not permitted to wear false eyelashes and false nails as well as sweatshirts and hoodies on site. PE kits should be brought into school on the relevant days. Please refer to the school website for further info. If there is genuine financial need, please do let us know.

Students need to bring a reading book and a pencil case, including blue or black pen, green pen (for self and peer marking), pencil, ruler, rubber to school every day. We strongly suggest that you encourage your child to pack their bag the night before.



Please check Classcharts on a regular basis, at least once a week, for homelearning and behaviour points.

As a reminder, we have a mobile phone policy of See it, Hear it, Lose it. If your child's phone is seen or heard then it will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Attendance and Punctuality

Research shows that regular attendance and punctuality are key factors in student success and achieving the best possible outcomes. Students who maintain an attendance rate of 97-100% miss less learning time and are better positioned to reach their full potential.

To support this, please ensure your child meets our attendance expectations and arrives at school on time at 8:35am when the school gate closes. If absence is unavoidable, you must contact the school's absence line before 9:30am for every day of absence in one of the following ways: telephone - 0208 691 3236 option 1; using Studybugs <https://studybugs.com/about/parents> or email:

info@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Place2Be

The well-being of our students is always at the forefront of what we do through tutor support and the Place2be Counselling Service.

Place2be email: place2be@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Important Dates Coming up

Week of 20th April - Students will sit exams in English, Maths and Science after our Easter holidays. Students will receive revision in the form of our **countdown booklets** to support preparation for this.

Friday 22nd May - HPV Vaccination

Wednesday 13th May - Year 8 parents' evening and Y8 celebration breakfast

Tuesday 21st July - Sports day

Safeguarding - Social Media and Getting Home Safely

As our young people navigate the challenges of growing up, social media is becoming an increasingly prominent part of their lives.

While it offers a great way to stay connected with friends, it also comes with certain risks that students will explore in their PSHE lessons. I encourage you to have open, honest conversations with your child about their social media use as well as check their social media apps. Discussing how they interact online, what apps they use, and reviewing any concerns together can help them make safer and more informed choices.



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Additionally, I would like to remind you of our expectations for students at the end of the school day. They are to go straight home and change out of their school uniform if they wish to go back out. To ensure everyone's safety, staff are on duty in the local area until 3:30 pm each day.

Due to the increasing numbers of people having their phones stolen in the local area, please remind your child of the importance of heading straight home after school and avoiding lingering in the community. This helps us maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and keeps our students safe.

If you need to get in touch, please see the key contact info below.

Key Contacts:

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We look forward to working together to support each student as they build on their achievements. Please encourage your child to use this time for reflection and goal setting, and to approach the upcoming term with renewed focus and determination. Thank you for your continued support.

We are excited to see all the great things our Year 8 students will accomplish in the Spring term!

Kind regards,
Ms Boyefio

