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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great start to the new year.

With our communication, relationship and partnership being so important I am writing to you to remind you of our key staff, Enrichment, key dates, support you can give and positive contributions to school life. Again, I am looking forward to strengthening our relationship and having a successful rest of the 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

Great attendance and punctuality are imperative to being successful at GCSE level and beyond. 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. Students who have 97-100% attendance have been more likely to have greater outcomes during their school life.

Classcharts

Please continue to check Classcharts to celebrate your child's hard work and dedication daily. It is a fantastic way to see how they are rewarded by their class teachers.

Reading Logs

Literacy is important to us at Deptford green and to support the improvement in students reading ages and written English we have improved student reading logs. The expectation is students reading 10 pages every evening and write a short summary of what they have read. Please can you engage and support with this by listening to your child read and signing their booklet every evening.

Key dates:

Formal exams	16 th of March
Parents Evening	22 nd of April
PGL trip	13th-15th of May
Graduation	24 th of June
Sports Day	21 st of July



Enrichment

Enrichment is an important part of school life at Deptford Green. We have a wide range of free activities students can take part in. Students do not need to sign up and can attend anytime they wish. Enrichment is a great opportunity for students to improve or learn a new skill and meet other students in the school. The full enrichment timetable can be found on our school website.

Positive contributions to school life

As you are aware Fridays are our assembly days to celebrate all the great things happening across the year group. Every week students have an opportunity to take part in our assembly, and I would like to congratulate the following students for their positive contributions Nathaniel, Stella, Erin, Lowri, Hing Ying, Musa and Eugene. I would also like to take the time to recognise the contributions of the following students, Lars, Musa, Eisy, Logan, Francis, Loa.

Person in my pencil case

Your child's safety, mental health and well-being are important to us and last term we launched "Person in my pencil case" this was an initiative where students wrote down the names of two safe people on a small card which fits into their pencil case. We have relaunched this again with the year group to remind them of the strong relationships they have made with staff and to always ensure they feel safe.

Safeguarding- social media and Getting Home Safely

As our young people grow up, they will be communicating 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.

Lastly, thank you for trusting myself and the outstanding team with your children, with their guidance they will continue to flourish. As a team we set out to continue building a strong foundation for your children to build upon, and they have already surpassed our expectations early into their secondary school lives. It is pleasure, responsibility and a privilege we never take lightly.



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Yours Sincerely,

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