

Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Year 7,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year, I hope you had a great Christmas break, and your child has enjoyed their first few weeks back at school. With our communication and relationship being so important I am reaching out with you today to remind you of key staff and dates, attendance procedures, share success and give you a very important reminders about our behaviour for learning policy. Again, I am looking forward to working with both you and your child to ensure the new year is a positive one. I would like to ask for your support by going through the content of this letter with your child.

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Head of Year

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School Day Confirmation, Attendance and Punctuality

The safety of our students is our number one priority. We monitor attendance daily and we follow up absence with text messages and first day phone calls. To save our safeguarding and attendance team valuable time can you please inform us if your child is going to be absent from school by emailing info@deptfordgreen.co.uk or call 02086913236.

With the whole school now arriving and leaving at the same time I wanted to confirm the logistics and procedures:

- School gate on Fordham park opens at 8:15am.
- Free porridge is available for all students.
- The gate closes at 8:40am at which point pupils are late and enter the community entrance (8:40- 9) or via the main reception if they arrive later than 9am.
- The school day finishes at 3:00pm, students are dismissed via the small gate that leads on to Fordham park.

Students who arrive late will be expected to make the time up at the end of the day, this will last no longer than 20 minutes.

Key Behaviour for learning updates

Following on from both parent and student feedback we have recently updated our jewellery and hair rules.

- Jewellery- 2 piercings in each ear must be studded, 1 nose stud. No false acrylic nails, no false eye lashes, no hoodies, no denim or leather jackets, no sunglasses, no headwear unless for religious reasons.
- Hair- my hair my rules, there are no restrictions on hair.
- Coats can only be worn on the ground floor.
- Blazers are still compulsory and must be worn at all times unless a member of staff gives the student permission to remove it.

Use of phones and social media

During the school day and on the school site mobile phones must not be seen or heard. If they are they will be confiscated. If a student refuses or it is their second time we will ask you to come and collect it. Please remind your child of the rules and if you ever need to contact them in an emergency during the school day please do so by ringing reception.

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 it can also pose risks of which pupils will learn 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.

Key Dates

17.01.22	Martin Luther King Day
27.01.22	Holocaust Memorial Day
01.02.22	Chinese New Year
02.02.22	Winter production, Matinee 1pm Winter production evening performance 7pm
03.02.22	Winter production, Matinee 1pm Winter production evening performance 7pm
08.02.22	Safer internet day
10.02.22	Open Mic (more details to follow)
14th-18 th February	Half term
21.02.22	School closed- Queen's Jubilee Day
03.03.22	World Book Day
08.03.22	International Women's Day
31.03.22	Open Mic (more details to follow)
01.04.22	Early school closure

Celebrating Success

I want our students to have the highest levels of engagement in the school. I would like them to increase their LORIC points every day to show they are constantly improving. I know how important working on their LORIC behaviours amongst other things will ensure students are equipped with everything they need to be successful here as well as in life outside of school. I am proud to say our Year 7s finished last term as the LORIC leaders for the school with a huge 163145 LORIC points gained since September and we have already made an outstanding start to this term. I would like to give a special shoutout to the pupils below who currently make up our top 10 for this term, well done!

1. Robyn
2. Lorelei
3. Skye
4. Sophie
5. Sydney
6. Ariadna
7. Jojo
8. Nicole
9. Philipa
10. Lara

If you don't currently have Class Charts on your device, please sign up as soon as possible. It is important that you congratulate your child when they receive LORIC points from school. Thank you for your time and continued support.

Your sincerely,

Mr Jones

Head of year 7