

Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Year 8,

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 full week with us 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.

Key Contacts

Tutors – The staff below should be your first point of contact if you have any questions about your child.

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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 Dates

17.01.22	Martin Luther King Day
27.01.22	Holocaust Memorial Day
01.02.22	<u>Year 8 Data Drop</u> 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)
11.02.22	<u>Year 8 Reports Generated</u>
14.02.22 – 18.02.22	Half Term
21.02.22	School Closed - Queen's Jubilee Day
03.03.22	World Book Day
08.03.22	World Book Day
<u>09.03.22</u>	<u>Year 8 Parents Evening</u>
31.03.22	Open Mic (more details to follow)
01.04.22	Early School Closure – Last Day of Term

Assembly Themes

- W/C 17/01/2022- Martin Luther King JR day
- W/C 24/02/2022- Holocaust Memorial Day
- W/C 31/01/2022- Chinese New Year
- W/C 07/02/2022- LGBTQIA History Month
- W/C 21/02/2022- Internet Safety
- W/C 28/02/2022- Women's History Month
- W/C 07/03/2022- National Careers Week
- W/C 14/03/2022- Maths Week
- W/C 21/03/2022- Climate Change
- W/C 28/03/2022- Celebration Assemblies

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.

Celebrating Success

Firstly, the whole school is going from strength to strength with every year group having a higher number of LORIC points and a lower number of reflection points than they did this time last year. As always, I want our year 8s to be top of the school in terms of engagement and would love your support in achieving this. Since the start of term our year group already has 20,000 LORIC points placing us 2nd only 1000 points behind the year 7s in 1st. Please encourage your child to display those positive learning behaviours to help get us to the top spot. With such a positive start I'd like to take the opportunity to give a special shoutout to the pupils below who make up our current top 10 for this term. A special well done to Jiang, Jamie H, Ruwaida, Chris, Victoria, Cameron, Nehir, Lucia, Joanne and Kareem. 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,

Ms Fawdry

Head of Year 8