

Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Year 9,

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.

Key Contacts

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

Tutors

9D – Mr Neil aneil@deptfordgreen.co.uk
9E – Mr Djordjevic odjordjevic@deptfordgreen.co.uk
9P – Ms Joauvel jjoauvel@deptfordgreen.co.uk
9T – Mr Callaghan jcallaghan@deptfordgreen.co.uk
9F – Ms Young wyoung-beke@deptfordgreen.co.uk
90 – Ms Hurley lhurley@deptfordgreen.co.uk
9R – Mr Agbasimalo kagbasimalo@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Pastoral Leader

Mr Kaseba (Ext:) skaseba@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Head of Year

Myself, Ms M Williams mwilliams@deptfordgreen.co.uk

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.

Opportunities

I have been working alongside our Careers Advisor Ms Nembhard to offer year 9 students as many opportunities as possible. We currently have students taking part in or about to start the following:

- Creative and entrepreneurial careers workshop
- Goldfuture mentoring with Goldsmiths
- UCL mentoring
- Ominia Digital Citizenship Project at Colfes School

Year 9 graduation

There will be a formal 'Key Stage 3 Graduation' which will celebrate student achievements throughout their first three years here. You will of course be invited to join the celebrations either physically in school or remotely. Over the next few weeks your child will choose to further develop their skills in our LORIC learner behaviours; these are Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative, and Communication. They must opt into a minimum of 4 behaviours, but my vision is for them to complete all 5; I know how beneficial this will be for them. Each learner behaviour will have an action card that will have several tasks for your child to complete. This fortnights focus is Organisation and I have attached the card they were all offered to this email for your viewing. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to complete as many tasks as possible before the **deadline which is 26.01.21.**

Engagement and LORIC

At Deptford Green School we expect students to develop their character and learner behaviours at all times. We try to constantly reward our pupils with LORIC points when they get it right and I would strongly advise you have the classcharts app downloaded and running so you can see a daily breakdown of your child's day at school. Again, for pupils who fail to meet our expectations daily reflections, in which we attempt to support pupils will be held after school and will last no longer than 30 minutes. I have attached the classroom rules poster which all teachers use in the classroom.

Key Dates

Date	Event
27 th January 2022	Academic Data Collection
2 nd February 2022	Academic Reports are produced
9 th February 2022	Year 9 parents evening
21 st February	School closed- Queen's Jubilee Day
22 nd February 2022	Year 9 pathways begins
23 RD March	HPV2 Vaccine for year 9
28 th June 2022	Academic data collection
1 st July 2022	Academic Reports are produced
July 6 th 2022	Year 9 Parents Evening

Wellbeing support

Our student's mental wellbeing is always at the forefront of our minds. We support mental wellbeing tutor support, Place2be counselling service and the Sanctuary. If you think your child needs additional support in this area please send an email to the following email address.

Place2be email: place2be@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Early Achievements

I want our engagement to improve year on year because I know great engagement leads to great progress. I would like year 9 to keep increasing their LORIC points. I know this amongst other things will ensure our young people are equipped with everything they need to be successful here as well as in life outside of school. A special shoutout to the pupils below who currently make up our top 10 for this half term well done!

1. Arturs
2. Kari
3. Christopher
4. Toky
5. Thierry
6. Michael
7. Shan
8. Zion
9. Viet Anh
10. Keidi

Your sincerely,

Miranda Williams

Head of year 9