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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a restful and peaceful break

As we move into our final term together, 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 including our Graduation celebration. To ensure your child's journey at Deptford Green continues to be both positive and successful. I would like to ask for your support by going through the content of this letter with your child.

### Parents evening

Firstly, I would like to thank you as parents for your amazing support during our recent parents evening. Your attendance to the event was an example of strong engagement in our school and your child's education and development. I would like to acknowledge your positivity and support which without would not have made for an outstanding attendance figure of 93%. Please keep your child's report safe and review it when they make their next step into year 8.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Great attendance and punctuality are imperative to being successful at GCSE level and into adulthood. 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 96-100% attendance have been more likely to have greater outcomes during their school life which enhance their employment opportunities and options.

### Classcharts

Classcharts is our online system to celebrate your child's daily success, please continue to use it to celebrate your child's hard work and dedication daily. It is a fantastic way to see how they are rewarded by their class teacher and trigger discussions about what they are learning.

### 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. I will be re-issuing reading logs to in the second half of the summer term and we will be introducing key vocabulary for lessons as part of the logs with weekly spelling tests during our Tuesday tutor sessions.



### **Key dates:**

Below are some key dates for your diary. I will be writing to in the coming weeks regarding the final part of our year 7 transition process our Graduation evening.

<b>PGL Trip</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Graduation</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Sports Day</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>

### **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 and is on the notice board of your child's tutor room, as your child's head of year I do expect students to attend at least one club a week.

### **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 Stella, Michael, Amy, Avery, Emily,

### **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. Next week we will be reviewing this with your child so please have a conversation with them about their two safe people/trusted adults.

### **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 a pleasure, responsibility and a privilege we never take lightly.

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



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Sadly, last term we said goodbye to Mr. Zikusoka we wish him well for the future. We have been joined by Ms. Mahrin to the team who will be taking over her email is below along with your child's form tutor.

Form tutors contact details:

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Lastly, I would like to again say thank you for your support for myself and the year 7 team. The year group is in a strong position ready to graduate from year and experience more success in year 8 and onwards. I look forward to celebrating with your all on June the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Sinclair  
Head of Year 7



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Emma Thurston', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Emma Thurston  
Headteacher