

Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term!

As we reflect on the Spring term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements of our Year 8 students. It has been a fantastic start to the term, with students sitting their core subject exams at the beginning of the summer term. We encourage them to take the time to reflect on the feedback provided, to celebrate their successes, and to consider areas for growth as they move into the second term of their Year 8 journey. The report offers an excellent opportunity for students to plan their approach to learning and behaviour, ensuring they continue to excel in both their academic work and personal development. As well as an opportunity to seek support where necessary.

Key Reminders and Information

Uniform and Equipment

Please ensure all items of clothing and equipment are clearly labelled with your child's name so lost items can be returned.

Students are expected to wear: a school tie with dark blue stripes, a white shirt, and a blazer. Trousers or skirts must be worn with sensible black trainers (including Vans and Converse). School jumpers or blazers are required. Top buttons must be fastened, and shirts tucked in at all times.

False eyelashes, false nails, sweatshirts, and hoodies are not permitted on site. PE kits should be brought into school on the appropriate days. Further guidance can be found on the school website. If you are experiencing genuine financial difficulty, please contact us for support.

Students should bring a reading book and a fully equipped pencil case every day, including:

- Blue or black pen
- Green pen (for self and peer marking)
- Pencil, ruler, and rubber
- Home learning booklet

We strongly recommend encouraging your child to pack their school bag the night before.

Please check ClassCharts regularly (at least once a week) for homework and behaviour updates.

Mobile Phone Policy

We operate a strict “See it, Hear it, Lose it” policy. If a phone is seen or heard during the school day, it will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Summer Term Update

We have now entered the summer term, and Year 8 students have completed their assessments this April. This is an important time for reflection, as students receive feedback and identify areas for development as they prepare for the transition into Year 9.

Parents’ Evening – Wednesday 13th May

This is a key opportunity to discuss your child’s progress following their assessments. You will be able to speak with subject teachers, review outcomes, and agree on next steps to support continued success. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for student success. Students with attendance between 96–100% miss less learning and are more likely to achieve their full potential.

Students must arrive on time each day. The school gate closes at 8:35am.

If your child is absent, you must notify the school before 9:30am each day via one of the following:

- Telephone: 0208 691 3236 (Option 1)
- Studybugs: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>
- Email: info@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Student Wellbeing – Place2Be

Student wellbeing remains a priority. Support is available through tutors and the Place2Be counselling service.

Email: place2be@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Important dates this term

- Friday 22nd May – HPV Vaccination
- Wednesday 13th May – Year 8 Parents' Evening and Celebration Breakfast
- Tuesday 21st July – Sports Day

Safeguarding – Social Media and Safety After School

Social media plays an increasing role in young people's lives. While it can be positive, it also carries risks. These topics are explored in PSHE lessons, and we encourage you to have open and honest conversations with your child about their online activity.

Please also remind your child to go straight home after school and change out of uniform before going out again. Staff supervise the local area until 3:30pm to support student safety.

Due to a rise in phone thefts locally, it is especially important that students avoid lingering in the community and travel home promptly. This helps keep them safe and maintains positive relationships within the local area.

Key Contacts

- Head of Year: Ms Boyefio – fboyefio@deptfordgreen.co.uk
- Pastoral Lead: Mr Jacobs – jjacobs@deptfordgreen.co.uk
- Year Support: Ms Caltagirone – scaltagirone@deptfordgreen.co.uk
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- 8DZ: Mr Djizo – jdjizo@deptfordgreen.co.uk
- 8MA: Ms Manning – amanning@deptfordgreen.co.uk
- 8PH: Ms Philp – hphilp@deptfordgreen.co.uk
- 8SU: Ms Surtees – vsurtees@deptfordgreen.co.uk

- 8WI: Ms Hepburn (maternity cover for Ms Williams – this member of staff starts on 11th May until then please email Pastoral Lead and Head of Year) – ehepburn@deptfordgreen.co.uk

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support each student's progress. Please encourage your child to reflect on their recent assessments, set goals, and approach the remainder of the term with focus and determination.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to see all that our Year 8 students will achieve as they move towards Year 9.

Warm regards,

Ms Boyefio