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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say how much of a pleasure it has been to welcome your child to our school. I am delighted with the way students have settled into secondary school life. They have embraced our school values, shown creativity and bravery when taking on new challenges, and demonstrated a real commitment to enrichment opportunities.

Strong communication and partnership between home and school are essential to your child's success. I am therefore writing to share key staff contacts, important dates, reminders about our Behaviour for Learning Policy, and to celebrate the positive start Year 7 has made. Again, I am looking forward to building on our relationship and having a successful year with both you and your child. To ensure your child's journey at Deptford Green is both positive and successful, I would like to ask for your support by discussing the contents of this letter with them.

Your child has our year group assembly every Friday. This is a time when we come together as a group to celebrate success and share how great we have been as a year group and look forward to building on our success and achievements. Already I have seen an enthusiasm to learn and participate in both lessons and after-school enrichment activities. During the school's only second ever Fresher's Fayre the year group displayed kindness and respect to each other and staff, and were an example of what we want to see in our wider society. Lastly, I would like to thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day. Our attendance has been above national every day. Thank you for your continued support of the school and your child throughout the year.

Key Contacts:

Below are the contacts for your child's form tutor

7CA- Ms Caltagirone (scaltagirone@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

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Head of Year 7: Mr J. Sinclair (jsinclair@deptfordgreen.co.uk | Ext. 205)

Key dates for Year 7

Events:

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event Wednesday 23rd September 2026
House rewards event winner of 25/26 – 25th September 2026
Cultural Evening Wednesday 14th October 2026
Year 7 Celebration Breakfast Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Anti-Bullying week starts on Monday 9th November 2026
Odd socks day Tuesday 17th November 2026
Year 7 Flu Vaccine Friday 27 November 2026
House Charities week Tuesday 1st December 2026
Year 7 Celebration Breakfast Tuesday 27th April 2027
Year 7 Parents evening Wednesday 28th April 2027
Year 7 PGL Residential Wednesday 12th May 2027
Year 7 Graduation Wednesday 23 June 2027
Sports Day Friday 16th July 2027
Get into the Green reward Trips Monday 19th July 2027

Behaviour for Learning policy reminders

I would like to just remind you of our behaviour policy and ask that you remind and support our young learners to meet the expectations. These expectations ensure the safety and welfare of all pupils.

- After school, reflections are issued for truancy, patrol (teacher requests support after issuing two reminders), on-called (removal from lesson) inadequate work and/or in complete home learning.
- Lunchtime reflections are 30 minutes and are issued for chewing gum, poor out-of-lesson behaviour, lateness to school/lessons, unkind behaviour, missing equipment/uniform/home learning booklet, phone confiscated
- Any racist, homophobic or sexist incident will be logged on our safeguarding platform and students will receive a sanction and an intervention.



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Attendance and Punctuality

Great attendance is imperative to being successful at GCSE level and beyond. As the Year 7 students begin their secondary school journey, every lesson does count. 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. If you have any issues accessing the platform, please can you send me an email. Students who have 96–100% attendance miss less learning time and are much more able to achieve their full potential. I would like to thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day. Our attendance has been above national every day. Please keep supporting myself, the school and your child.

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.

Finally, can I take the opportunity to remind you of our expectations of students at the end of the day. We want all our students to get home safely. We therefore have staff on duty until 3.30pm every day. Please remind your child of the importance of leaving school and going straight home and not hanging around the local community. A reminder that on Wednesday's school will finish at 14:15 and students should be out of the local area by 14:45.

Positive contributions to school life

I have been incredibly impressed with the start that all students have made to Year 7. Although it is early, the effort and maturity the students have shown has been excellent. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the top 10 LORIC point earners so far:



Lou
Ember
Ava
Helen
Mason
Alfie
Zakhar
Edin
Isaac
Mahalia

Class Charts

Class Charts is our online platform used to reward, set home learning, and sanction students. As parents and carers, you will have received an email with a parent code enabling you to log in and check your child's progress daily. I would ask you to have regular daily conversations with your child about their points and, at the end of the week review and if possible, reward their efforts. As their Head of Year, I will be regularly celebrating your child's efforts.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please get in touch if you require any further information or support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sinclair
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