

Wednesday 14th September 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Year 10

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and your children are looking forward to 2022 to 2023 at Chatham Grammar. I would like to congratulate all our Years 11 and 13 students on their brilliant results in the first summer examination season since 2019, they all did themselves, us and their families proud. As you are aware, your child has started the first year of their GCSE studies. This is a significant step in their education. This letter contains key information for this term.

Personal Tutor (PT) Groups

As well as belonging to a House, each student belongs to a PT or Form group. The teacher who is responsible for the PT is your first point of contact if you have any information, concerns or questions. The PT list and contact emails for these members of staff are below.

PT Group	Teacher	Email
PT1	Ms Keers	keers@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT2	Mr Bennett	bennett@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT3	Mr Sarkisyants	sarkisyants@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT4	Mr Coare	coare@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT5	Mr Lionnet	lionnet@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT6	Mrs Lettington	lettingtonr@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT7	Mrs Evans	evansh@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT8	Mr Maheta	maheta@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Homework timetable

Homework supports and extends learning in the classroom. Your child will receive their homework according to the timetable below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option C Ethics P2 Maths Q1	Option D Ethics P1 P3 Maths Q2 Q3 English P1 P2 P3	Science Ethics Q1 Q2 Q3	Option A Maths P1 P2 P3	Option B English Q1 Q2 Q3

Term 1 Events

We have our open events towards the end of this term when we welcome prospective families to visit. Therefore, we will be closing at 12 noon on Thursday 13th October and have an INSET day on Friday 14th October. The following week will also see us host many families for live tours.

The Library

The library has been utilising its new online cataloguing system for the past couple of terms. This fabulous new system allows students to search online for books in our catalogue, reserve, review and create their own reading lists. Parents/carers are also able to peruse our stock. Ongoing work will allow the library to fully support the students' curriculum with extra reading, revision guides and contextual resources. Over the year the library will be hosting four clubs: Creative Writing Club; Digital Art Club; Strictly Come Reading; and the Harry Potter Reading Club.

Policy changes

As we move into a new academic year, we have reflected on our rewards and behaviour policies and have introduced some initial changes and reminders to all students. All students had an assembly on Monday to ensure they were clear on the changes. The assembly explored a range of areas including a new leadership rewards scheme, detention system, a reminder of our mobile phone expectations and sanctions and a review of our Academy Code of Conduct.

As we progress through Term 1 and we finalise and embed our amendments, we will adjust our Behaviour Policy to reflect these changes. This will be shared with parents and carers for your reference.

Nut Free Academy

Just a reminder that we are a nut free academy. We have a number of students who are severely allergic to nuts, so please ensure any snacks are nut free, also if you have handled any nuts you ensure you wash your hands before entering the academy site.

Buses

Please be advised that there may be further industrial action by some bus companies in the coming weeks and months. We are already aware that Arriva are proposing further action on 30th September. Please keep an eye on your transport providers and ensure you have put alternative plans in place to enable your child to attend can the academy.

Attendance

I also wanted to include a brief reminder regarding attendance. I am sure you can appreciate why we need to be updated swiftly if there are changes in the health of your child. Should

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your child be absent for any reason, please contact the school by 8.30am for each day of absence. You can call the main school number 01634 851262, selecting option 1 for attendance or email:

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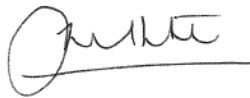
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Please give a brief explanation for the reason for absence, keeping the school updated with any changes. Should we need to discuss this further, you may be contacted by the Attendance department.

It is already a pleasure to see how committed they are to their futures, and we have every confidence they will be successful with their GCSEs.

Yours sincerely,



Samantha Shillitoe
Assistant Principal
Academic Lead for Year 10 and 11

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