

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome back Year 8

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and your children are looking forward to 2022 to 2023 at Chatham Grammar. Below I have included some key information for the start of the year and some useful reminders of key contacts to support you.

## 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	Miss Mundy	mundy@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT2	Miss Payne Miss Sanger	payne@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk sanger@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT3	Miss Shergold	laurashergold@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT4	Mr Placsom	placsom@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT5	Mr Prescott	prescott@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT6	Miss Xu	xu@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT7	Miss Vine	vine@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT8	Mr Athul	athul@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

## Homework timetable

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

### Year 8 (30 minutes per subject)

8j1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leadership DT Ethics	Science	Art History	Ethics Geog Maths	IT English

8j2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Ethics Geog History	IT Science	Leadership	DT Art Maths	English
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8j3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leadership Ethics Geog	Science	DT	IT History Maths	Art English

8k1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
DT Art	Leadership History	Science	IT Ethics English	Geog Maths

8k2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leadership Art Ethics	IT History	Science	DT English	Geog Maths

Dance, Drama and Music are set in line with their termly carousel  
MFL are set in line with their lesson

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> October and have an INSET day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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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or

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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 well Year 8 have returned and settled into their second year with us at Chatham Grammar.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Cawthorne  
Assistant Principal  
Academic Lead for Year 7 and 8

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