

Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of term approaches, I am sure you would all agree that this half term has gone very fast and I for one have welcomed the long-awaited sunshine and hope it makes a reappearance very soon!

As I reflect on this term, I am immensely proud of everything that Bramcote College has achieved. Whilst there has been much uncertainty in the news including conflict, price rises and COVID cases still around, I am pleased that Bramcote College remains a stable and happy place for our children to flourish. I was astounded with how much support our recent Ukraine nappy appeal gained and thank you for your kind contributions.

Bramcote College Support

We recognise that for many families money is tight, and this is a reminder that we are currently able to offer breakfast packs (bagels and Shreddies) and or sanitary items on a regular basis during term time. If either or both would be helpful, please fill in the form using the below link.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Z6KBs3aVs4>

Enrichment

I am delighted that we are now seeing an increase in enrichment activities and our children are enjoying being part of these activities. The highlight so far has to be the Shrek production, seeing our hall full again with friends and family really does bring more joy into school. The production was amazing, and I am very grateful for all the hard work from all the staff and children involved in putting on such a brilliant performance. We are already looking forward to the next production which I am led to believe is the Wizard of Oz!

Parents' Evening and Connection Evening

We once again opened our doors to parents and ran a trial hybrid parents evening for year 10 with a mix of virtual and face-to-face appointments. This was a great success, and we will continue with this set up for our next parents evening which is for Year 8 on April 21st. A slight amendment has been made to increase the face-to-face time allocation, as feedback from parents is suggesting that this is preferable.

It was a pleasure to meet a number of our new parents at our Connection Evening held on the 29th March for the parents of pupils that have joined Bramcote College in the last 12 months.

Exams

Our Year 11 and 13 students have recently undertaken a number of mock exams. We recognise that exams can often be very stressful and tiring for our students and we are so very pleased with all the hard work students are showing. I know that Miss Cooper has

shared some additional resources and will continue to keep you all up to date with year 11 revision and exam information.

New Year 7's September 2022

We are starting to prepare for the arrival of our new Year 7's in September. We are overwhelmed with the number of people that applied to come and join us at Bramcote College and our intake for September is at its highest level. Welcome packs have already been posted to over 150 students!

Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum was again a great success and the information shared can be found on our website following the below link. Another forum will run soon and a date will be shared in due course:

<https://bramcote.college/parents/pta-and-parents-forum>

Key dates

First Day of Term: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Year 9 Immunisations : Tuesday 19th April 2022

Year 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 21st April 2022

Inset Afternoon: 2pm Finish for all students Thursday 28th April 2022

May Day bank holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Half term: Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Full Inset day – Friday 1st July 2022

PTA Summer Party: Friday 15th July 6pm-8pm

Last Day of Term: After school on Wednesday 27th July 2022

Additional day off for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday: Thursday 28th July 2022

Please note we are changing the date of the inset afternoon originally being held on Wednesday 25th May. This is now being moved to **Friday 27th May** and students will leave at 2.00pm. The computer science exam will still go ahead on Friday the 27th May and those pupils will be asked to stay until the exam has finished and will not leave at 2.00pm

Uniform

Over the Easter Break can I kindly ask you to use this time to ensure that your child's uniform is in line with expectations and address any issues. We believe it is important that all students should be of a smart appearance and appropriately dressed for school. Our uniform policy is intended to be simple and economical for parents and is designed to give a clear image for the school. I would like to thank the large majority who adhere to this day in and day out and who contribute to such a positive culture in school.

Over the last few weeks we have seen low level uniform discrepancies. This has included students wearing black leggings instead of regular fitting trousers and large knee-high boots. Please note if students are wearing boots these should only be low boots. Boots should not

be 'biker- type' with big soles/buckles. Dr Martin style plain black boots with laces are acceptable as are Kicker boots.

Please see below for a link to our website with full details of the uniform policy

<https://bramcote.college/parents/school-uniform>

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your families a very restful and enjoyable Easter Break.

Mrs H Gale

Headteacher