

Dear Parent/Carer

In recent weeks, in line with Communication Guidance during the period of National Mourning, we have kept our communication to a minimum.

### **Curriculum Information & Homework**

Please now find attached the Curriculum information relevant to your child's year of study. This information is also available on the school website. In addition, please find attached information regarding homework. Pupils will have an abridged version of this information in their personal planners.

Should you need to contact the school please email the school office on [bramcote@whptrust.org](mailto:bramcote@whptrust.org). You may also contact your child's head of year via email. These are listed below.

Year 7	<a href="mailto:Sarah.Donohoe@whptrust.org">Sarah.Donohoe@whptrust.org</a>
Year 8	<a href="mailto:heidi.mansfield@whptrust.org">heidi.mansfield@whptrust.org</a>
Year 9	<a href="mailto:louise.bateman@whptrust.org">louise.bateman@whptrust.org</a>
Year 10	<a href="mailto:catherine.agius@whptrust.org">catherine.agius@whptrust.org</a>
Year 11	<a href="mailto:dawn.crouch@whptrust.org">dawn.crouch@whptrust.org</a>

We aim to respond to email queries within 24 hours. Our Heads of Year are classroom teachers too, so any urgent queries/concerns should be communicated to the school office.

Calendar dates appear on MCAS and the school website. We have also been asked recently to include these on the weekly newsletter and will do so from this week.

### **A reminder of INSET dates for the rest of the year:**

Each year we have five INSET days for staff training. The remaining INSET Days for 2022-2023 are as follows:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

On these days the school is closed to students.

We have decided to change the date of one of the early closures INSET afternoons (3<sup>rd</sup> October 22) due to the additional bank holiday (Queen's Funeral) falling on a Monday.

The new dates are:

29th November 22

**30<sup>th</sup> January 23 (Please note this has been changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 22)**

23rd March 23

26th May 23

### **Absence**

Please note that guidance surrounding Covid absence has remained unchanged since June 2022. If a pupil tests positive for Covid, they should be kept off school for 3 days.

If you need to contact us regarding a child's attendance, or report an absence, please contact Rosie Bosley directly.

**Tel:** 0115 907 8100    **Email:** [attendance@bramcote.college](mailto:attendance@bramcote.college)

### **A reminder if your child cycles to school:**

Pupils must have a bike permit (obtain an application form from main reception) and wear a helmet to and from school. There are no exceptions to this. I remain deeply concerned about the amount of traffic on Moor Lane and it is important that cyclists are aware of the risks. Pupils cannot mount their bikes until they reach Moor Lane, where they can stop and consider how safe it is to start cycling. They should not be cycling in school or out through the gates.

### **Car access to and from school:**

Please note that in order to keep children safe, there is no vehicle access to school in the morning and afterschool from 3:00 pm to 3:35 pm. Parents should not be dropping or picking up children in the school grounds (including the gate on Moor Lane) unless they have a specific request which has been authorised by the school.

### **Phone and contacting home**

Pupils are permitted to bring phones to school; however, they should be switched off and carried in their bags or inside blazer pockets. They should not be seen or heard. On occasions, pupils may need to contact home in an emergency, and we'd ask them to go to Student Support if that is the case. If pupils are unwell, they should go to Student Support where staff will contact home if necessary.

Thank you for your support so far this term in ensuring your child comes to school punctually, dressed in school uniform and ready to learn.

Kind regards



Mrs H Gale  
Headteacher