



26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this half term draws to an end and we have a week off before the last half term of the year, I wanted to write to you to share a few key dates and details of some upcoming events and to discuss some important points around school culture and expectations.

Exam Season for Y11s and Y13s

Parents of Year 11 and 13 students and followers of our social media will have noticed that we are now two weeks into the summer exam season. We are so proud of the tremendous effort students and staff have put in to be ready for these exams. Students have tackled the past two weeks with confidence and determination, demonstrating a level of commitment and resilience that should see them through the exams after half term too. We do hope that students sitting summer exams make sure that they balance this hard work with plenty of relaxation and fun over half term so they have a chance to recharge their batteries. We are all very much looking forward to the last exam and the Year 11 Leavers' assembly on the 6th July at 9.30am -10.30am along with the Prom on the 7th July.

Year 10 Mocks

This week Year 10s have received their mock exam timetable for the summer (26th June to 6th July) and had an assembly on revision methods and the importance of doing 'enough' revision to feel comfortable in what they know when they go into their exams. The aim of the mocks is to give students an experience of the routines we have in place around exams; with the strong message to students is that these are just a practice for the real thing, which allows us to ensure that we are able to support them and ensure we get their exam arrangements just right.

Parent Forum

Other upcoming dates include our summer term Parents Forum on June 15th (online from 6:30pm to 7:30pm); this offers parents and carers a chance to raise questions about school experiences. Please email parents@bramcote.college to raise any questions and / or to request the meeting link. The link between home and school is extremely important, so it has been wonderful to see Parents' Forum numbers growing year on year. I would also like to thank any parents and carers who completed our Anti Bullying Survey, the results of which have given us valuable insights into our strengths and areas which need attention.

Summer Events

Highlights for the summer term include 'A night at the movies' on June 29th which is a Performing Arts showcase for Years 7 to 10, and our PTA Summer Fair on Friday 21st July (6:00pm-8:00pm). The Summer Fair comes at the end of Activities Week for Years 7, 8 and 9 and Careers and Futures week for Years 10 (including a Bramcote College 6th Form taster day) and 12 (17th to 21st July). Letters will be sent out at the start of next half term giving more specific details of these weeks.

Staff News & Parent Governor Recruitment

Spring term in schools is often a busy one for recruitment. As the school has continued to grow, we have appointed a handful of new staff for September, including Science, Geography, English and some other subject areas. Sadly, we will see a few staff move on to promoted posts, we will share our official 'goodbyes' later in the summer term.

We have been without an official Head of Year 9 recently. I am pleased to let you know that after half term, Mrs Penny Crumpton will be Head of Year 9. I know she is looking forward to getting to know her year group and to support the young people and families.

If you have any concerns about your child in school, please contact their tutor in the first instance or their Head of Year:

- Head of Year 7: Sarah Donohoe – sarah.donohoe@whptrust.org
- Head of Year 8: Heidi Mansfield – Heidi.mansfield@whptrust.org
- Head of Year 9: Penny Crumpton – penny.crumpton@whptrust.org
- Head of Year 10: Cath Agius – cath.agius@whptrust.org
- Head of Year 11: Dawn Crouch – dawn.crouch@whptrust.org
- Head of Year 12: Melissa Rigley – melissa.rigley@whptrust.org
- For Year 13 concerns please contact Faye Parker Dennis – faye.parkerdennis@whptrust.org

The Local Governing Body are keen to recruit two new governors. Their role is to work with the current team of Governors and our Senior Leadership team supporting and challenging the school to be the best it can be. If you would like to arrange an informal telephone call to discuss the role in more detail then please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Peacock, Chair of Governors, by email on cathy.peacock@whptrust.org. Please see the parent section on the school website for full details on how to apply. Applications should be submitted no later than. **Monday 12th June 2023 at 11pm.**

Uniform Standards

As we enter the second half of the summer term and move towards the end of the school year, I believe it is important to work together to maintain standards within the school, so I would like to remind you of some important uniform expectations which need some attention as the warm weather settles in.

Skirts should be on or slightly above the knee and in recent weeks, as the weather has become warmer and more students are opting to wear skirts instead of trousers, or socks instead of black tights, it is becoming increasingly apparent that some students may have had a growth spurt and their skirts are now too short for them to be comfortable moving around school. Please take half term to consider this and, if necessary, invest in a new, longer skirt. Support for new uniform items is available on request.

I would also like to remind students, parents and carers that the school blazer and tie are compulsory items, while a knitted, black, v-neck jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo) is an optional item it can be worn under the blazer but never instead of the blazer. If the weather gets too warm, we make adjustments as necessary. Due to the difficulties so many are facing due to the rise in cost of living, we have adjusted the school PE kit, making the WHP Trust T-shirt the only compulsory item and allowing the WHP ¼ zip top and WHP joggers / shorts / leggings be replaced by plain black items (as long as any logos are smaller than a bank card). Black sweatshirts may be worn in PE lessons but they are not to be worn under or instead of a blazer around school or in lessons; if they are, they will be confiscated and students will have to collect them after they have done a correction.

May I also say that Bramcote College students are expected to look 'natural', so unnatural coloured hair or nails are not permitted at all, neither are false eyelashes or nails, which students will be expected to remove if they have them in school. Make up, if worn, should be minimal, if students are wearing a conspicuous amount of makeup they will be asked to remove it at Student Support. Finally, with regards to jewelry expectations; students may wear one pair of studs or sleepers in their ears, however, we do not permit any facial piercings at all and students wearing nose piercings etc. will have to remove them in school. In addition to this, we do not expect students to wear rings, bracelets or visible necklaces. These expectations around jewelry are primarily intended to prevent injuries and the risk of students losing precious items.

Shoes

We are keen for students to look smart from head to toe and have noticed that some students are wearing black trainers instead of shoes, which contradicts school uniform policy. While trainers should be worn in PE lessons and can be worn if students are playing football on the astro turf at lunch time, students are expected to wear school shoes (as shown on the attached document) when they are walking around school and in lessons other than PE.

Please find attached an outline of uniform and equipment requirements for all students.

Open Water

After a hard-working half term, we now have a well-earned change of pace coming up at half term. If the weather forecasts are to be believed, half term is going to be sunny and warm, presenting the conditions in which children are often tempted into open water swimming in rivers or lakes. Please discuss with your child the dangers of doing this and encourage them to swim in safe situations, where they are supervised, ideally by lifeguards.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Gale', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heidi Gale

Headteacher



Students should have a warm and waterproof coat to wear outside (It can be any colour)

Hoodies are NOT permitted under blazers or as coats

Students may choose to wear a school black knitted V neck jumper / cardigan **under** their blazer but **NOT instead** of a blazer

Blazer and school tie



Plain white, long or short sleeved **shirt** that buttons up to the collar



Knee length straight or pleated **skirt**
NO tight / jersey tube skirts



Plain black flat **shoes** with black or white socks (not over the knee) or thick black tights with skirts



'Regular' fit, not skinny fit **trousers** and NO leggings or jeans



Black joggers or a black sweatshirt can be worn **ONLY** if the logo is smaller than a bank card

Due to rising costs in living, we have adapted PE kit rules so the only compulsory item of PE kit is the WHP Trust T-Shirt, however you may also wish to purchase the WHP ¼ zip top and either shorts, joggers, or leggings to complete the set

Getting School Uniform Right

- **School blazer** to be worn travelling to and from school and when moving around the school site, blazers may be taken off in lessons and when given permission on exceptionally hot days not to wear them at all.
- School tie.
- Optional black jumper or cardigan **with school logo** to be worn underneath blazers (NOT instead of blazers). NO sweatshirts.
- Plain, black school trousers, which are tailored but **not** skinny fit or 'short weekends', or a **knee length** tailored skirt which can be straight or pleated (not overly tight and no tube skirts).
- Plain, white shirt which buttons up to the collar. To be worn tucked in, at all times.
- Plain, black, sensible (low heeled) **shoes** or ankle height **boots**.
- Trainers may only be worn during PE lessons.
- Plain black or white socks, or plain black tights with a skirt. No over the knee socks with skirts.
- Coats should be warm and waterproof with no large logos/writing. These must be taken off in lessons.
- Headscarves should be in line with school colours.
- No hoodies or sports tops/jackets.
- No caps or hats of any kind can be worn in the building. Students must put coat hoods down when inside.
- Plain black belts can be worn to hold up trousers.

- A suitable school bag: a backpack, messenger bag, or satchel which is large enough to carry books and equipment for the day. No handbags.
- No extremes of dress e.g. extreme hair styles / unnatural hair colours, overly tight shirts or trousers, or overly short skirts.
- **No** make-up. Only clear nail varnish may be worn.
- **No** jewellery except for **one** small plain gold/silver ear- stud or small sleeper **in each ear lobe** and a watch. **No nose studs or facial piercings** under any circumstances.
- Tattoos for under 18s are illegal (Tattooing Minors Act 1969)

Getting PE Kit Right

Compulsory Items:

- WHP short sleeve training T-shirt
- WHP ¼ zip micro fleece or black sweatshirt (logo smaller than a bank card)
- WHP shorts & football socks or WHP tracksuit bottoms or WHP Leggings
- Trainers

Optional Items:

- Gum shield
- Shin pads
- Football Boots

NO jewellery of any kind can be worn during PE for health & safety reasons

Uniform items can be bought on-line from Big Fish at
www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk
Login: *Bramcote* Password: *TBS123*
Uniform is also available at Morleys



Bramcote College
A member of The White Hills Park Trust

Equipment Check

Headphones for
Century, Seneca
& online work

Casio fx83gtx or fx85gtx

Pen



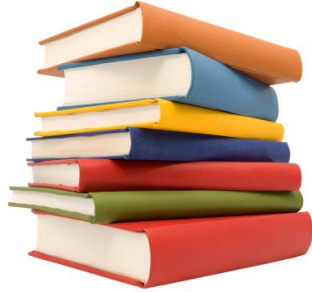
Green Pen



Pencil



Scientific Calculator



Reading Book



Also useful!

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Ruler



Sharpener



Compass



Eraser

Highlighters



Protractor



Also useful!

