



Dear Parent/Carer

As we rapidly approach the end of the academic year, I'd like to thank you for your continued support, remind you of upcoming events and share some news about staffing changes for 2023-2024.

The next few weeks are busy ones in the school calendar and before we know it, the end of term and school year will be here. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we welcome our new Year 7s, and then on Thursday we bid a fond farewell to our Year 11s, having said goodbye to our year 13s last week, however, we expect most of Year 11s to come back for our Leavers' Assembly on Thursday and the Prom on Friday, as well as the BC6F taster day on Tuesday 11th July.

We are looking forward to the week commencing **17th July which is our first Activities & Work Experience week**. This is a new venture for school where the Heads of Year and SLT are coordinating a range of end-of-year activities, work experience and taster events, as well as careers led activities throughout the week for all Year 7-10 and 12 students. The culmination of the week is the **PTA Summer Fair** on Friday 21st July from 6 – 8pm; there will be the usual stalls, games, food and drinks and this year we are planning on running a small dog show too. Keep an eye out on social media for more information about the summer fair.

Sports Day this year falls on Monday 24th July; students are expected in full PE kit and will spend the majority of the day in tutor/ year groups taking part in the events and cheering others on. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, suncream and hat, as it is forecast to be very warm towards the end of July. Please note this a student only event.

Tuesday 25th July is **the last day of the Summer term**. Students will be registered at 12:45pm and dismissed by 1pm to start their summer holiday. Students do not need to be uniform this day, however, they have recently been reminded of appropriate attire for non-school uniform, more specifically that excessive jewellery including nose piercings, painted or false nails and eyelashes are not allowed in school.

Although most year groups will hopefully have a relaxing holiday, Year 11s and 13s will be collecting their exam results in August. Year 11s have already received an email about their results day on Thursday 24th August and Year 13s will receive an email next week about their results day on Thursday 17th August.

Looking forward to year 2023-2024, **Year 7 students start back on Tuesday 5th September**. On Tuesday, only Year 7s will be in school. They should arrive to the dining hall for their first assembly. Year 12s can also register for sixth form, if they haven't done so already, on Tuesday 4th September and year 13s can collect their timetables for the new College year.

All other year groups start school on Wednesday 6th September. Students will meet and line up on the yard with their form tutors at 8:50 am and then go into their form room to be given their new timetables etc.

Year 7 to 11 pupil numbers have grown significantly at Bramcote College over the last 5 years, from 450 when we moved up to this site, to just over 700 including BC6F students. Student numbers have driven recruitment of both teachers and support staff and we have had good success in recruitment. I am sure that you will be aware of industrial action in schools; the reason for this action is not only teachers' pay and school funding, but very real concerns about the recruitment and retention of teachers. This year, we are delighted to have 5 new teachers and 3 support staff joining Bramcote College.

Sadly, we must also say goodbye to teachers who are very much part of the 'Bramcote family'. Mr Mallard, who has taught Maths at Bramcote for 7 Years is congratulated as he moves on to a promoted post in a Nottingham City School; Mrs l'Anson is moving to a promoted post in a County school (she has been with us for many years, re-joining our Trust in 2017; you never know, she may join us again in the future!). Mr Morton who has been part of the Senior Leadership Team at Bramcote College since our move from the 'old site' at The Bramcote School is also moving on. Mr Morton has secured a promoted post as Deputy Head Teacher in a larger school in north Nottinghamshire. He has been instrumental at bringing about cultural change at Bramcote College, leading Character and Culture including Behaviour and Safeguarding.

As a result of Mr Morton moving to pastures new, we have appointed a new Assistant Head Teacher, Mr Gregory. He is a Maths teacher and will be responsible for Behaviour and Personal Development. Mrs Read has also been promoted to Deputy Head teacher (Quality of education, including teaching and learning) and Miss Cooper continues as Deputy Head (Exams, data and vulnerable groups). Mrs Parker-Dennis becomes DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and will carry out this important role alongside her role as Head of Sixth Form. Meanwhile, Mrs Kirby continues to lead Inclusion and SEND. Mrs Banger who heads Business and IT will be part of the senior leadership team leading Technology for Learning. Change is never easy and we have been blessed to have had a very consistent team leading the school. We know too that change brings new opportunities and we are excited about these.

At Bramcote we believe that staff are our greatest resource; you may be aware that recently a group made of teachers and support staff completed the Yorkshire 3 peaks challenge. This was an opportunity to build team and also support a very well deserving charity. Thank you to parents and carers who have visited our '*justgiving*' page and kindly donated to our fundraising for Young Lives Vs Cancer. We have nearly raised £3000. There is still time to donate if you wish at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/bc-y3p-1685906817213...>

Finally, the summer offers plenty of time to rest, recharge and, in the case of most students, grow, so please can you ensure that your child's uniform is suitable for the start of a new year. We recently wrote out about replacing skirts which have become too short as the year has gone on and worn-out shoes being replaced by trainers; please ensure that over the summer new skirt or

suitable shoes etc. are bought, so your son / daughter is in the correct uniform by September. We are always happy to support with the purchasing of new school uniform, so please get in touch if this would help. We are also planning a Uniform Swap Shop on July 18th parents and students are welcome to come along and donate, or swap items of uniform that are too small for larger sizes. Look out for social media posts for the timings of the event.

If your child has free school meals, Nottinghamshire County Council is sadly no longer offering holiday vouchers, however, there is a range of activities which include lunch which are available for 5 to 16 year old (18 Year old with SENDs) outline on the NCC website

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/holiday-activities-and-food>

In closing, I hope that the summer is an opportunity for students to recharge their batteries, relax, have some (safe) fun and to prepare for the new school year ahead of them, which may include starting or choosing new subjects or even GCSEs or A Levels exams, making new friends and enjoying new experiences and making plans for the future.

Warm wishes,

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