



HAYES SCHOOL

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1st September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Return To School

While we are busy preparing for students to return next week, I would like to send some reminders and key information to ensure a smooth transition into Year 8.

Return to School

Students will be issued with a new Learner Handbook and timetable when they return to school on Tuesday 5th September. Their classes and teachers will be new, giving all students a chance for a fresh start. I am confident that students will use this to reestablish the same ambitious standards as they did last year and show us just how far they have come since they started. I am sure there will be a great deal of excitement and trepidation over new classes and new teachers; they managed this brilliantly last year and I am confident that they will do the same this year. If there are any anxieties, please reassure your child that they will have plenty of time to talk to their tutor when they return. Students can arrive at school from 8.15am and should be in their form rooms at 8.30am. The form rooms are as follows:

8CAT - LCG
8CUB (was 7ALH) - LGG
8SRH - D1F
8TJA - M1L
8BGW - BGF
8SUP - MGJ
8SMC - M1P
8MLJ (was 7VXD) - MGP

The day will run as usual, with students spending period 1 with their tutors and then going to their timetabled lessons from period 2. This will also be the case on Wednesday 6th September. Break time and lunchtime will be on the new Sports Court (formally the Astro Turf) as we were doing at the end of the last academic year and the restaurant will be available as normal. Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September will be full days, and we will start on Week A. Satchel One will be updated so students can access their timetable. If there are issues with this, please contact #ITServices@hayes.bromley.sch.uk.



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Uniform and Stationary

Students are to return school in full school uniform; this includes blazers and correct footwear. Our year braid will continue to be purple and your child's house will be the same as it was last year. Further information can be found by following this link to our school website:

<https://www.hayes.bromley.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform-2/>

Jewellery of any kind is not permitted and will need to be removed before returning to school, this includes any new piercings. Students will not be permitted to cover these with plasters or clear studs. All jewellery will be confiscated and returned on the Friday of that week.

Make up is not permitted in Year 8. This includes false eyelashes and nails, these will need to be removed before returning to school.

Fake tan is also not permitted.

Students should be arriving to school fully equipped for their lessons. They will be issued with new exercise books and Learner Handbooks, but they should have all other required stationary so they can engage in their new lessons. This should include:

Pens and pencils (HB and 2B) – students require a blue, black, red and green pen.

Pencil sharpener and rubber.

Ruler, protractor and compass.

Scientific calculator (Casio fx-83 recommended if one needs purchasing).

Bilingual dictionary (French, German/Spanish).

Colouring pencils, glue stick and scissors (optional, but useful).

Failure to bring these will result in equipment detentions. These items need to be in a pencil case, not in blazer pockets as pens often leak and things get lost.

Other Key Information

At the end of the year Year 8 traditionally go to Thorpe Park as a reward for their hard work. My intention is to continue this tradition to reward the excellent work students will do this year. As this is a reward trip, all students will be eligible to attend, providing their behaviour and effort has been good all year. I look forward to taking as many students as possible on this trip.

Alongside this there are 4 other key dates that we would like to share with you:

- W/C 13th November 2023 - Year 8 Reviews published.
- 1st May 2024 - Year 8 Parents Evening UV side.
- 8th May 2024 - Year 8 Parents Evening WX side.
- W/C 18th March 2024 - Year 8 Reports published.

Contact

Should you need to contact the school; please contact your child's tutor in the first instance, as they see your child daily and are best placed to help with any issues or concerns. We ask that parents do not contact students during the school day via mobile phones. Should you need to contact your child in the case of an emergency, please contact the school office who will then relay any messages to them quickly and safely. Students should not be making contact home during the day. This should be done through Student Reception, especially in cases of illness. We are grateful for your support in this.



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Last year was enormously successful for students. They made the transition well and proved themselves to be enthusiastic learners. We will continue to build on these habits this year, continuing our 'Journey to Excellence'.

We hope that you have had a restful summer and we look forward to welcoming students back to us on Tuesday 5th September.

Yours sincerely



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