

Monday 17th July 2023

Dear Families,

As the school year ends, I wanted to thank you for your support over the 2022-23 academic year. It has been a challenging school year, but significant progress has been made. As ever our students continue to give us many reasons to be proud of them day in day out.

We have established a parent forum this year and we hope that this will continue to grow next year. This is an informal meeting where parents can discuss a range of topics linked to school improvement – our discussions this year have covered attendance, our reading strategy, the tutor programme and the new parent app we will be rolling out next term. The first meeting next year will be on Wednesday 4th October at 6.30pm.

At the end of this week, we will say goodbye to some colleagues who move on to new roles or in some cases to enjoy retirement – we wish them every success in their next steps. We will also be welcoming many new highly talented and experienced colleagues to the Beckfoot Oakbank team in September.

At Beckfoot Oakbank we have high expectations and ambitions for every student because we care about their current and future success. Earlier this year we shared with students and families The Oakbank Way which encapsulates our values of enjoy, learn, succeed. The students are used to this and our five learning habits and where they can access support so that we can help them to be successful.

### **Uniform**

We have shared with you our expectations of uniform for September, and they are available on the [school website](#). We will resend them during the summer break but if you have any queries or questions, please contact us through the office email address [office@beckfootoakbank.org](mailto:office@beckfootoakbank.org).

### **Last day of term**

The last day of this school year will be Friday 21st July and school will finish at 1.10pm. For children in Years 8 and 10, we will be providing a reduced lunch service in the canteen immediately after their period 4 if they want to buy lunch before they leave. The school bus will be picking up from the usual bottom entrance but at the earlier time of 1.40pm. For any students who are unable to leave school early, we can supervise them until the normal finish time of 2.40pm. Please let us know in advance if you need this support.

## Exam Results

For those of you with Y11 and Y13 age children their exam results will be available as follows:

- Y13 – from 8.30am on Thursday 17th August
- Y11 – from 8.30am on Thursday 24th August

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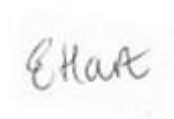
The new academic year starts on Monday 4th September for all students. For the first day of term only the start time for each year group will be adjusted and there will be a slight stagger to the start of the day.

- Y7/11/Post 16 students arrive for 8.15 am – the normal time in normal line-up spaces.
- Y 8 arrive 9.15am – line-up will be at the front of school.
- Y9 arrive 10.15am – line-up will be at the front of school.
- Y10 arrive 11.10am – line-up will be at the front of school.

From Tuesday 5th September students need to be on site in their line up area for 8.15 each day, wearing the correct uniform with a school bag, all the necessary equipment and ready to meet their tutor at 8.20am. If they arrive after 8.20am, when their tutor will take the morning register, they will be marked as late to school. From September the school day ends at 2.50pm.

We look forward to the final few days of term, including our final achievement assemblies and an enjoyable summer break after that.

Yours sincerely



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