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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the start of the new academic year, I am writing to give you some key information for the start of term and the year ahead.

Start of Term Arrangements

The first day back for students is **Wednesday 4th September**. We will have a staggered start to the school day as follows:

- Year 7, 10 and 11 to arrive by 8:35am
- Year 8 and 9 to arrive by 9:30am

Uniform and Equipment: Being Ready to Learn in September

Please ensure that your child comes prepared each day with their full equipment and school uniform. This includes a **school bag** and the following:

1. Pencil case which includes pens, pencils, a ruler, calculator, eraser and sharpener
2. Full school uniform – Blazer, shirt, tie, tailored trousers/knee length skirt/shorts, black socks and shoes
3. Full PE Kit
4. IS book and knowledge organiser (KS3) and revision guides (KS4) – These will be handed out at the start of term
5. Personal reading book – Students can borrow a book from our school library

All piercings must be removed for PE lessons, **so please refrain from new piercings** if they cannot remove them in time for the start of term. We also expect students to arrive with natural hair colours, as would be expected of someone working in a formal workplace environment.

Please refer to our [previous letter](#) and [Uniform Policy](#) for further details on uniform, make up and jewellery expectations.

Academy Key Dates

Finally, I would like to bring your attention to some key dates for the upcoming academic year. Our term dates can be found on our [website](#). You can also find out about the other exciting academy events taking place this year by looking on the [“Events” page](#).

Our Parents Evening schedule can be found below. Please note that all Parents Evening events take place in person between 4:15pm and 7:15pm. We will provide information about booking appointments nearer the time of your child’s Parents Evening.

Term	Parents Evening	Date
1	Year 7 and 11 (Meet the Tutor Evening)	Thursday 17 th October 2024
2	Year 11	Thursday 5 th December 2024
3	Year 7	Thursday 6 th February 2025
4	Year 9	Thursday 6 th March 2025
	Year 10	Thursday 20 th March 2025
	Year 11	Thursday 27 th March 2025
5	Year 8	Thursday 1 st May 2025

My Child at School (MCAS) App

We are continuing to use “My Child at School” app to share information with you regarding your child’s timetable, conduct, attendance, progress and independent study tasks. This is available to download via your App Store / Google Play, or via your web browser.



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My Child at School (MCAS) - Parent App		
	Website	https://www.mychildatschool.com/
	Help email	mcas@hpa.clf.uk
	Instructions to sign up	Guidance can be found here

Bromcom Student App		
	Website	https://www.bromcomvle.com/
	Help email	studentportal@hpa.clf.uk
	Instructions to sign up	Sign in via their school Microsoft account

Attendance Matters!

Thank you to all our parents and carers for their support over the year in ensuring our students attend school well. I would like to highlight the importance of students attending school every day to reach their full potential. Students with attendance over 97% are highly likely to make better progress in their learning than students with lower attendance.

It is vitally important that students attend school on the first day, and first week back in September to help them settle into their classes and school routine. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child returns to school on the first day of term.

If your child misses a day of learning, then they are required to catch up using a "Return to School" catch up card, which can be collected from reception. More information can be found on our website.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we do not authorise holidays taken during term time, except in circumstances that are exceptional and unavoidable. To assist parents and carers in booking holidays and events during school holiday time, a full list of term dates and INSET days is on our school website [here](#).

Please note that students in Year 11 (from September 2024) finish at 3:50pm on Tuesday-Friday each week. We appreciate your support in ensuring that any appointments (e.g. medical) are booked outside of this time

See you in September!

We are excited to be welcoming all our students back in September, in full school uniform, Ready to Learn and ready to make a positive contribution to both our school and our wider community. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you throughout this academic year.

Yours Sincerely,

**Adrian Esch
Principal**



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