

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Congratulations to all the year 6 students, and their families, on finishing primary school. I know it may have been different to what you imagined but I hope you had the opportunity to reflect on all the positive experiences encountered during your time at the school.

We are looking forward for meeting all year 7 students on their first day at Moor Park High School and Sixth Form on **Wednesday 2 September**. For the rest of the school the term will start on Thursday 3 September thus giving year 7 students a day to spend quality time with their form tutor and peers, an opportunity to explore the school and the chance to experience a few lessons.

On Wednesday 2 September all students will need to be on the yard by **8.45am** using the student entrances on **St Thomas' Road**, NOT the main visitor entrance on Moor Park Avenue. Parents will not be allowed to enter the yard in order for us to ensure we protect the year group 'bubble'. Students will be registered when they arrive to school and placed in their form group.

All students will be provided with a free lunch; however, they may bring a packed lunch if they prefer. Students should bring a snack and drink for break time. From Thursday 3 September students will need to bring money for lunch and snacks if they are not planning on bringing their own lunch to school and do not receive a free school meal.

Year 7 students must ensure they come to school with a bag big enough to hold A4 books and they must be fully equipped with stationary including spare pens and pencils. Due to the current situation teachers will not be able to loan stationary to students. P.E kit will not be needed on Wednesday 2 September.

School will finish at 3.30pm and students will be dismissed from the school yard. Again, parents will not be allowed on the yard and we ask that if you are collecting your child, you plan to meet them at a designated spot. This should not be next to the student entrance as this area will be congested. We will open the gates to St Thomas' Road and Moor Park Avenue to make meeting a little easier.

All students will need to be in full school uniform in September and this must be purchased from Monkhouse. I urge all parents to book an appointment as soon as possible or make arrangements to order the uniform online in order to ensure you have the full uniform for the first day. This will allow your child to have a confident start to their new school.

If you have any questions regarding the school or transition, please visit the school website as it is full of information, videos and helpful tips. This week we have uploaded a package called 'Be Awesome, Go Big' to the transition area of the website. This package contains resources for parents and students to use at

home, if they wish, to explore some of the big ideas related to secondary school. The package may be of particular use to students who are nervous about the transition process.

Please be aware that Moor Park High School and Sixth Form will close for the summer holidays on Friday 17 July, you have until this date to hand in your child's admission paperwork if you have not already. If we do not have the paperwork back by Friday we will not have any details for your child on our system for their start in September. After 17 July there will be no one available in school for 3 weeks in order to give all our staff a well-earned break. Please refer to the school website for answers to any questions you may have. If you need to contact school there will be a limited number of administrative staff available from Friday 14 August.

I am aware that for many students their daily routine has changed over the past few months. In order to prepare students for school I would ask that parents encourage their child to go to bed early and wake up in time for school so they are not tired in September. They should practice their new route to school in order to gain confidence and write for extended periods of time, a technique that may have been lost over time due to remote learning. Additionally, a common issue we often face with Year 7s is gaming until late, particularly on Fortnight, and inappropriate use of social media on mobile phones which leads to stressful disputes with peers. Please can I ask that parents continually educate their child on the safe and healthy use of electronic devices in order to ensure they have a positive start to school. Mobile phones must not be used in school. Breaking this rule will lead to the phone being confiscated.

Thank you for all your support and I look forward to meeting all the new students on Wednesday 2 September at 8:45am.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Roberts
Deputy Head KS3