



Dear Parents/Carers

As another extraordinary academic year draws to an end, I want to firstly express my thanks and appreciation to the entire Bower Park Academy community. I would like to thank parents, students and staff who have continued to support us throughout yet another busy year. I am pleased to say that with Covid restrictions easing throughout the year, GCSE were able to take place and students were able to take part in workshops, trips and sports events throughout the year.

Staff Leaving

At this time of the year, we say a fond farewell to a number of valued colleagues who are sadly leaving us. This year we say goodbye to Mr Ward, Mr Udoh, Miss Spoor, Ms Lesage, Ms Nicholls, Mrs Yates, Ms Kilbane, Ms Keyede and Mr Wookey. We are very grateful for their service and the valuable contribution they have made to Bower Park Academy. We wish them the best of luck for their future roles.

In September we will be welcoming a number of new staff members to the Bower Park family and I am sure students and parents will make them feel very welcome.

Happiness Workshops

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students took part in Happiness Workshops on Monday. These workshops aim to empower young people to be more resilient in achieving their aims. This programme was led by Jermaine Harris who we will be inviting back again in September to work with our Year 11 students.

Sports Day

Sports Day took place on Wednesday, with students taking part in track events throughout the morning. Students competed in their Form classes and accumulated points for positioning. The Form classes with the highest scores for each year group were Form R for Year 7, Form P for Year 8, Form B for Year 9 and Form A for Year 10. My thanks to the PE department and Mr Sherwood for co-ordinating the event.

Year 10 mock results

Well done to our Year 10s who received their mock results on Wednesday. Your grades are a reflection of your hard work and these will act as a good indication to your final grades next year and to ensure students are prepared for their GCSE exams in Summer 2023.



Parent Pastoral Booklet

Attached with this newsletter is our new Parent Pastoral Booklet, this contains all the information for parents regarding our student code of conduct and uniform expectations. Please read this carefully before September. We would like to remind parents that only ONE pair of small stud earrings can be worn in school and students should not be getting extra piercings at the end of the holiday. Nose Piercings and false eyelashes are not allowed. Students are expected to be on site for 8:25am in order to be in their form room for 8:30am register.

Equipment Reminder

Please ensure that your son/daughter returns to school in September with:-

- Two working black pens
- A purple pen
- A ruler
- A highlighter
- A glue stick
- A mathematical set
- A scientific calculator

Midday Supervisor

Bower Park Academy wish to appoint a Midday Supervisor to work alongside staff and catering team who are responsible for students supervision during the midday break. The successful candidate will be required to work Monday- Friday lunchtime. If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact HR@elatschools.co.uk who will send further details.

Sounding Car horns

This is a polite reminder to avoid sounding horns when picking up and dropping off your children. The council have asked us to remind parents that it is an offence to sound car horns without viable and reasonable intention. Please also be considerate of our neighbours.



School Calendar 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Half-term 1: Thursday 1st September 2022 to Friday 21st October 2022

Half-term break: Monday 24th October 2022 to Monday 1st November 2022

Half-term 2: Tuesday 2nd November 2022 to Tuesday 22nd December 2022

Christmas Break: Wednesday 21st December 2022 to Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Half-term 3: Thursday 5th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023

Half-term break: Monday 14th February 2023 to Monday 20th February 2023

Half-term 4: Tuesday 21st February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Break: Monday 3rd April 2023- Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Half-term 5: Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023

Half-term break: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Half-term 6: Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023

INSET Days

1st September 2022, 31st October 2022, 25th November 2022, 25th January 2023, 20th February 2023.

Parents' Meetings

October 2022	Year 7 Parents Evening
January 2023	Year 11 Parents Evening
March 2023	Year 9 Parents Evening
March 2023	Year 9 Options Evening
April 2023	Year 8 Parents Evening
May 2023	Year 10 Parents Evening
June 2023	Year 6 Parents and information Evening



Public Examinations

15th May 2023- 28th June 2023

GCSE Written Papers

Reports Available to Parents

	Report 1	Report 2	Report 3
Year 7	September 2022	February 2023	July 2023
Year 8	September 2022	February 2023	July 2023
Year 9	September 2022	December 2022	July 2023
Year 10	December 2022	May 2023	July 2023
Year 11	October 2022	December 2022	March 2023

First Day back arrangements

Friday September 2nd

Year 7 and Year 11 will have their first day on Friday September 2nd. Our gates will be open at 08.10am and students need to be on site to line up and meet their tutors at 8.25am. Staff on the gate will guide them to the correct area where they will be met. Year 7 will line up in the South playground and Year 11 will line up in the BTEC area opposite the Art rooms.

Tutors will check uniform and address any concerns; they will walk students to their form rooms where they will participate in some introductory activities. To use our canteen, students need to have money on their Scopay account. (If you have any problems with this please email finance@elatschools.co.uk. Details for this were in the parent induction packs.) Year 7 students will be the only students going to lessons from period 2 onwards and will have an opportunity to get a feel for the school. Students will finish at 14.45. If you are going to collect your child, please do not arrive at the school gates before 14.30 and until our Year 11 students are dismissed.

Year 11 students need to arrive on site at 10.25am and will line up in the BTEC area to be taken to their tutor groups. After registration, they will be brought down to South Hall where they will participate in a bespoke workshop on empowerment to ensure a positive start to their final year with us.

Students will leave site at 14.00 unless they need to use our canteen which will be open from 14.00-14.20. Free school meals will be provided in this time.



Monday September 5th

This is the first day back for years 8, 9 and 10 – these year groups are **not expected on site on Friday September 2nd**. Our gates will be open at 8.10am and students need to be on site to line up and meet their tutors at 8.25am. Year 8 and 9 students will go to South Playground to line up in their tutor groups; Year 10 will line up behind the BTEC block and be collected by tutors.

It is our second day back for Year 7 and 11 students who will go straight to their tutor rooms at 8.25am for registration at 8.30am.

All students will have tutor time until break and lessons will resume after break.

If students have PE on Monday 5th September, they will need to bring their PE kit and will be contacted via Edulink by the PE department on Friday 2nd September.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, the school will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. The school uses this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources.

Your child may be eligible if you access:

- Income supports
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support Under part V! of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of pension Credit
- Child Tax credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month). It is quick and easy to check if you are eligible for this funding by using the Free School Meals Checker website below.

You can apply via the Havering link below;

[Free school meals | School support | The London Borough Of Havering](#)



Mobile Phones

The school will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones, headphones or any other electronic devices. In line with the advice issued by the Metropolitan Police, the Department of Health and the Department for Education, the school strongly discourages students from bringing mobile phones and electronic devices to school. We do so because these are valuable items that can be lost and because they place students at serious risk of becoming victims of crime and online bullying. To prevent any disruption to learning, if a student brings a mobile phone or other electronic devices to school, it must be switched off and kept out of sight once the student is on the school premises. It cannot be used during the school day, including breaktime and lunchtime, or whilst leaving school at the end of the day. It cannot be used anywhere on the school site. If a mobile phone or electronic device is seen or used on the school premises at any time up until the end of the school day, they will be confiscated by the member of staff in accordance with the Department for Education advice on Searching, Screening and Confiscation.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Yours faithfully

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Principal