



15th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we had our first stage of rewards assemblies, where we recognised students who have had good attendance and a high number of praise and kindness points. On Thursday, over one hundred students took part in a 'Pop-up hospital'. This was delivered by outside speakers who work in healthcare and gave students an insight into careers available in that sector. Thank you to Mrs Porter and the science team for organising the event. Yesterday, we also had our first parent coffee morning. It was great to invite and talk to parents face-to-face after such a long time. We intend to continue these next year and hope many more of you can attend.

As the end of the school year is fast approaching, we have lots of upcoming events to look forward to including the Happiness workshops on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, Sports Day on 20<sup>th</sup> July and our Annual End of Year Rewards assemblies. This is a celebration of all of our student's hard work and it is a time when we can all come together to celebrate their achievements.

### Hot Weather

Once again, we are expecting significantly hot weather. We will be allowing pupils further concessions in terms of uniform on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday students will be allowed to wear their school PE kit instead of the adapted uniform of no blazer or tie. They must be in the correct PE uniform with no variations otherwise they will be asked to change. If pupils feel more comfortable in the adapted school uniform they can continue to wear that. All pupils must bring in a refillable bottle of water and will be allowed sun cream and a hat. We will review the weather forecast and make a decision regarding uniform for Thursday next week.

### Rewards Trip

I am afraid, that due to the extreme weather, we have made the decision to postpone the rewards trip to Thorpe Park. This was a difficult decision but after considering the latest guidance from the Department for Education and also speaking to staff at Thorpe Park, we feel we have no other option given the circumstance. We will rearrange the trip for early September and inform parents once we have firm plans.

### School Uniform Donations

If anyone has any uniform, P.E kit or shoes in good condition that their child has outgrown, please could you hand in to the School Office so that we can distribute to those students in need.

### Youth Produced Sexual Images: Session for Parents

Due to the huge success of the event below, the Met. Police have decided to run it again, details are below.

Incidents of children and young people sharing nude and semi-nude images of themselves with their peers is becoming increasingly widespread. This is concerning, particularly when these images fall into the 'wrong hands' and are shared widely without consent. It is important that school and home work together to raise awareness of the potential consequences and dangers of sharing these self-produced images and we would urge all our parents/ carers to attend this special online vent, hosted by our Safer Schools Met. Police team, to find out more.



Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 7.00pm-8.30pm

Method of delivery: Online via Microsoft Teams

Bookings via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/youth-produced-sexual-imagery-ypsi-or-sharing-nudes-training-for-dsls-tickets-381658319307>

### **Expectations for the Start of Term**

Next week, Bower Park Academy will send Parents/ Carers the new Pastoral Booklet for 2022-2023 with information about uniform, key information and key people to contact. Please make sure you read this booklet before September. Students will also be informed of their new tutor groups which have been adjusted to support our September timetables.

The first day back for Year 7 and 11 is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and for Years 8-10 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Students are expected to be on site for 8:25am in order to be in their form room for the 8:30am register. Further details to follow next week.

### **Last Day of Term**

The last day of term is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The school day will finish at 1:05pm. Please note that students will only be able to purchase food and refreshments at break time.

Stay Safe in the hot weather over the weekend!

Yours faithfully,



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**Principal**