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BRAMHALL
HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families were able to have a restful summer break and may I take this opportunity to formally welcome all the new parents and carers of our Year 7 into the Bramhall High School community. We welcomed 291 new Year 7 students on Wednesday and look forward to seeing them grow into our school over the forthcoming months.

Whilst the students fully returned to school on Wednesday it is unfortunate that the weather decided that the summer hadn't quite finished. The temperature in and around school has been extremely hot and students have shown tremendous resilience to adapt to the heat whilst starting the new academic year. Of course, the weather returns to a level of normality next week and as such our uniform adaptations in place for this week also stop and we will revert back to our normal uniform expectations. I would encourage all parents & carers to refer back to the communications sent out by Mr I Brown (Deputy Headteacher) on 05 September for full details with further clarification that will be going out later today.

Unfortunately, we are at the moment experiencing some difficulties with two of our bus routes, the 850 and 852. This is due to the large increase in student numbers accessing them and the buses limited capacity. As a school we have no control over these routes or how they are organised. This is all done centrally by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM). As a school we have been in regular contact with them and the bus companies in order to ease the situation. It is disappointing that we have not been given any reassurances of a quick resolution and we will continue to work hard to ensure students leave our site safely. In meantime, I **strongly encourage** any parent & carer whose child has been affected by the transport issues on these routes to raise your concerns with TfGM at your earliest convenience. Please email them to [@Customer Relations](#) or alternatively use the complaint form on their website [Contact form | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#). I completely share your frustrations over this matter and do thank you for your continued support and patience.

On a more positive note, I am sure many of you would have seen the social media posts of our ex-Year 11 students collecting their results in August. The results I am pleased to report were outstanding. Once more we are well above both the National and Stockport averages on all key measures achieving over 500 grade 9 to 7's. Whilst no official progress statistics have been published, our estimates indicate we will be again well above National and local averages. I could not be prouder of the hard work and achievements of the students and my staff. These fantastic results are against a picture of a national drop in the awarding of the top grades and the removal of the COVID considerations in examination marking. These results give strong evidence to show the impact of our appropriate, broad and balanced curriculum alongside the outstanding teaching and learning that takes place here at the school.

These students and achievements are only one example of our school vision in practice. You will see from our previous newsletters there have certainly been many other examples. This year our school vision has changed slightly to incorporate our strong core values. For parents & carers information our school vision is:
'Every Student will achieve exceptionally well in Every Subject they study to secure Every Grade possible. Through our core values of Respect, Resilience and Excellence students will achieve their aspirations.'





As you can see, the school's ambition and unwavering priority is that all students will achieve their full potential in every subject and every lesson irrespective of their context. The goal is to have all classrooms demonstrating positive relationships between staff and pupils, mutual respect and a shared motivation that all pupils become successful learners and achieve well, so no learner underachieves from their potential.

I will be writing to you regularly throughout the term to update you on the many developments happening at Bramhall High. However, we have been busy over the Summer making further improvements to our site. These have included creating new classrooms, including an IT suite, to accommodate the greater number of pupils we have on site. We have fitted new LED lighting in many areas of the school and improved the heating system in part of the school. The school in partnership with the Local Authority have purchased 500 solar panels which are fitted and in full use. We have also begun to replace the old wooden exterior doors with new UPVC ones.

All these measures will ensure that as a school we are able to reduce our overall carbon footprint, save on costs and make the whole school environment more sustainable. We will be making more improvements as we continue through the year. Other improvements have seen the complete refurbishment of the main girls' toilet and other toilets around school as well as the redevelopment of the PE/Refectory quad area. There is still a lot of work to do but I would like to take this opportunity to thank my site and IT teams who have worked so hard in the background to ensure we are ready to reopen with these improvements in place.

As with every September there are some roles and responsibility changes within school. You will find specific contact details on our website, but I do want to share some changes with you now. Firstly, Mr Graeme Butcher will be joining the leadership of the pastoral team as the KS4 lead. Mrs Leanne Jackson is now Head of Year 7 and in a change to previous years, we have not changed your son/daughters Head of Year. Also, Miss Andrea Woods has been appointed as Head of Personal Development in school and will be overseeing our comprehensive PHSE curriculum during form time. Full contact details of staff can be found on our website [Bramhall High School - Staff Contact List \(bhsweb.co.uk\)](http://Bramhall High School - Staff Contact List (bhsweb.co.uk)).

Finally, our school would not be what it is without the support of our local community especially our wonderful PTA. This support was in abundance at the beginning of the summer holidays when our PTA arranged the Ride for Bramhall fundraiser. You can view the details and pictures on our social media page. The event raised over £3500 for Bramhall High School and I must thank all the parents and staff who organised and took part in the event for their time and effort. This is only one example of the events our PTA help organise and run, and if any parent & carer wishes to join the school's PTA please contact Mr Paul Wraith, for further details of the first meeting. His email address is: - (pwraith@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk).

As ever I thank you for your support and I am looking forward to an exciting and successful academic year in 2023- 2024. I will write again soon with further updates and news.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Williams
Headteacher

