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BRAMHALL
HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to the forthcoming half term break. Once again, this term has been incredibly busy and challenging but ultimately rewarding. We have seen so many school activities put on since we returned from the Easter break. These have ranged from external mathematics challenges, Year 9 careers breakfasts and option evenings, parents' evenings, Year 10 drama productions, Duke of Edinburgh events, personal development drop down days, Headteacher reward breakfast, numerous sporting events and competitions and culminated in the Year 8 Beamish trip this week. It was unfortunate the weather didn't hold for them but I am assured they still thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.

Of course, we move onto next half term with more activities, trips, evenings, events and concerts planned. I am confident that our end of term Newsletter will certainly be a bumper edition.

The last few weeks of this term have also seen our Year 11 students begin their final KS4 examinations. It is a huge thank you to those parents and carers involved for the support you have given the school and our students who have completed the first set of examinations these last few weeks. Whilst there are a few more weeks of exams to go, everything has gone smoothly and we continue to be very proud of them all. My staff continue to work hard to provide a series of revision sessions for Students during and after the school day. Students will really benefit from taking these opportunities and I thank you for your continued support with this.

Whilst Year 11 continue with their external examinations after half term Year 8 also begin their end of year assessments. These will begin on Monday 3rd June and the exam timetable alongside the revision guide have been sent out via ClassCharts. If you are having difficulty accessing ClassCharts please contact the school for support.

We would like to thank all the Students who regularly attend school on time for registration and to each lesson. We want to remind all parents of our procedures regarding punctuality.

At Bramhall High School registration starts at 8.30am every day. Students who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and picking up important messages. Students who miss the start of a lesson are disadvantaged as they could potentially miss the recap of prior learning and instructions for that lesson. There is a clear link between attendance and achievement. Lost learning time due to lateness is obviously something that we want to avoid.

- 5 minutes late to lessons each day means 3 missed days of school in a year
- 15 mins late each day means you will miss 10 days of school in a year
- 20 mins late each day means you miss 13 days of school in a year

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to their learning and that of others. We are required to monitor pupil punctuality and attendance. Lateness after 9am is classified as an unauthorised absence, and therefore will be coded with a U code. High levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Educational Welfare Service and/or trigger Fixed Penalty Notice procedures.





We understand that there may be rare occasions when a pupil is unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact our attendance team to inform us when your child will arrive. If you have any concerns regarding punctuality, please contact your child’s Head of Year. In addition, may I take this opportunity to politely remind parents about uniform standards for the next half term. The school wrote to all parents and carers on 3rd May about the standards of uniform required for after half term. I have included the contents of that letter below.

The following adaptations to our uniform policy will be in place **when the students return following the upcoming half-term break.**

- Students who choose to wear a skirt may **choose to wear either tights or plain black knee socks.**
- Ankle socks with skirts **or** over the knee socks **are not** permitted.
- Students will continue to be expected to wear their blazers when moving around the school building but **will be able to remove them in class if they so wish.**

Equally may I take this opportunity to remind the school community of the following uniform expectations.

Item	Notes
Blazer	Black with pre-embroidered School badge. Worn at all times in, around and to/from School.
Shirt	Plain white shirt. (Long or short sleeved shirt may be worn).
School Tie	
Skirt	Black plain pleated skirt and flared. All skirts should be a traditional school skirt purchased to allow for growth. Length 20 inches minimum. Rolling up of skirts is not permitted. Opaque black tights must be worn with skirts. (Please see information regarding adaptations)
Trousers	Must be Black Plain and tailored with a waist band.
Socks	Only black socks to be worn with trousers.
Shoes	Black, sturdy and low heeled. Please note that fabric shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted.
School Bag	The bag must be a rucksack and be able to fit A4 books and files inside. Handbags are not permitted





Optional uniform for all students:

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Jumper	Plain black 'V' necked jumper or plain black sleeveless 'V' necked jumper.
Coats	Outdoor Coat: Worn in cold weather over school blazer. This garment should be regarded as the overcoat. Coats should be removed on entry to the building.

Whilst many parents and carers will shortly be thinking about purchasing new uniform for September, I would ask if you could consider donating suitable items back to the school. In consultation with our PTA we will be launching a pre-loved uniform 'shop' within school. Please keep an eye out for further communications on how you can donate or purchase these pre-loved items.

Finally, I would just like to update the school community over the current RAAC, DFE Schools rebuilding Programme and academisation. We are at the moment planning with the LEA to begin significant work in some of our RAAC effected areas. We hope to have some areas of the school back in use ready for September. Once these areas are returned to us then the temporary buildings will be removed off site. I will contact you again next half term with an update on which areas will be reopened and the progress of the work.

In April the DFE held an information day for those schools who have been placed on their rebuilding and refurbishment list. In total there are 500 schools on the list of which around 100 are RAAC effected school. The DFE will be placing all these school into three groups with the first group seeing their projects started in the next six months. By this I do not mean schools in the first group will have builders and contractors on site straight away. There is of course a significant amount of planning and design that will be required before any groundwork begins. Nonetheless we as a school community will continue to push and canvass the DFE for our inclusion in this first phase. We will be informed of which group Bramhall High has been placed into during this summer term. Once I know this Information I will communicate this to you.

Given we are awaiting further Information about how the school estate will be developed and the extensive repair work that will begin on some of the RAAC areas in school the governors have taken the decision to pause the Academisation process. It Is clear that moving forward to become an Academy and join the True Learning Partnership at this time would be difficult and potentially delay any planned works on the school. Nonetheless, can I reassure parents and carers that governors have not abandoned the plan to become an Academy and we are still determined to one day join the True Learning Partnership.

Yours faithfully

Paul Williams

