



22nd July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to be writing to you with the key information you need to be ready for the start of the new school year here at Denton Community College.

It really has been a busy year for us, and I hope you have seen some of the exciting changes on our social media or even in person. The real results of the hard work will be in the summer exam results, and I am looking forward to being able to share these with you at the start of the new school year, as well as welcoming your child to the next stage of their educational journey.

I know many of you have signed up to the summer school, and our staff are looking forward to delivering an exciting offer during that time.

The school will then open in September, with a staggered start for different year groups. [This link has](#) the term/holidays pattern for the rest of the year.

The details of the September start are below, and students will be arranged in the theatre by tutor groups: *Tutor groups 1-5 downstairs and 6-10 upstairs (our staff will direct those that are unsure)*

Tuesday 3rd September

Year 7	Arrive at school by 8:20 Assembly in the theatre at 8:25 Finish school at 2:30
Year 11	Arrive at school by 9:20 Assembly in the theatre at 9:25 Finish school at 2:30
Years 8-10	Working from home using Need to Know Books and Sparx Maths

Wednesday 4th September

Year 7	Arrive in school by 8:20 and straight to tutor groups Finish school at 2:30
Year 11	Arrive at school by 8:20 and straight to tutor groups Finish school at 2:30
Year 8	Arrive at school by 8:20 Assembly in the theatre at 8:25 Finish school at 2:30
Year 9	Arrive at school by 9:00 Assembly in the theatre at 9:05 Finish school at 2:30
Year 10	Arrive at school by 9:20 Assembly in the theatre at 9:25 Finish school at 2:30

Students must return in full school uniform, including their new ties. Our [uniform expectations](#) have not changed, and a sturdy rucksack-style school bag will be an ideal summer purchase too, brim full with the equipment we have already advised your child will need. We will be equipping students with new Need to Know books and DEAR workbooks in the first few days, as well as their planner – these are all essential every day.

Your child will have a free school lunch on the first day. We will be taking their biometric ID finger print on that first day to link securely with the ParentPay account.

There are always two things you are likely to find included in any letter from me: the importance of good attendance and encouraging a strong reading culture. The evidence shows that these both make a real difference to outcomes and life chances.

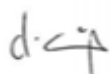
- Attendance is key and we expect that students will attend every day they possibly can. This is a partnership and we are keen to remove any barriers – do get in touch if you feel you might need support with this.
- We have a strong reading culture here at Denton: DEAR lessons, Reading Routes, reading interventions and much more. I am sure you will be keen to keep your child reading over the summer – why not [join a local library?](#)

One change which is important for you to know is that students will no longer be able to leave school by the back gate onto Crown Point North at the end of the day. Instead of this route, students will be able to follow the path at the rear of the school that leads out onto Edgerton Street. Alternatively, they will be able to leave via the front of school (as the majority of students currently do). This decision was made to improve student safety and the student feedback has been positive. We will of course have a strong staff presence along the path and you will see the team in their high viz jackets each afternoon. In the mornings, the front entrance will continue to be the only route into school.

I will write again before the term begins with a reminder of these key points, but it is important that you are able to prepare for them. I will also send out an updated travel plan, which will include the travel information and requests to consider our neighbours if you bring your child by car. I am also trying to persuade the bus company to include the school bus park as part of the 347 route rather than the current stop at the far side of Crown Point North. This would improve student punctuality as well as student safety, as our staff would be able to supervise them.

I will finish by thanking you for your support for the work we are doing here at Denton Community College. It is a privilege to be trusted by you to educate your children and a strong home-school partnership is an essential part of our improvement journey as we strive to transform the outcomes and life chances of the young people of Denton – and we look forward to greeting your child in September!

Yours sincerely



Mr D Cumming
Acting Principal