



Boroughbridge High School

29th August 2024

FAO All parents/carers

Welcome back

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family have had a safe and happy Summer. At Boroughbridge High School, we've enjoyed a successful Summer School with our new Year 7 students and celebrated GCSE and BTEC results success with Year 11 students and their families. We were able to wish the class of 2024 well as they move on to a wide range of destinations to study A levels, T- Levels, BTECS and to take up apprenticeships and employment.

A few reminders for the new term

We look forward to welcoming all students **back to school on Tuesday 3rd September.**

Uniform

We are very proud of our high uniform standards and are looking forward to seeing students on Tuesday in full uniform. Our uniform expectations can be found at <https://www.boroughbridgehigh.com/parents/uniform/>

Mobile phones – never used, seen or heard

As outlined in my update letter in July, we have made a change to our mobile phone policy which we are confident will increase our focus on learning. Following consultation with students, from September, our policy for students will be that they are able to keep possession of their mobile phones on the strict condition that they are never used, seen or heard anywhere on the school premises or grounds. This is one of the recommended DfE approaches and reflects work that we have done with the Behaviour Hub.

If a mobile phone is used, seen or heard then it will be confiscated, stored in the Office and may be collected at the end of the day. If a phone is confiscated three times then an afterschool detention will be issued and, if this is repeated, then the student in question will be asked to hand their phone in on their arrival at school and collect it at the end of the day.

We appreciate that there may be occasions where you may need to contact your child through the day and, if so, then you should call the Main Office on 01423 323540 or e-mail at schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com If your child needs to contact you, then they may go to the School Office or to a member of the Pastoral Team at break or lunchtime.

Our tools for improvement this year

Whilst we are delighted with the progress that we have made, we are well aware that we are only part of the way on our improvement journey. This year the introduction of our learning expectations in each of the Phases of Learning has been one of our key vehicles in driving up standards of behaviour and learning in the classroom.




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We have two tools in particular which, alongside the Phases of Learning, will support the next stage of our improvement journey.

Firstly, we have been working with students and staff on our core values. We've discussed how our core values underpin everything that we do and every decision that we make. We have captured these to be that we are **Ambitious, Respectful, Resilient**. These also reflect the feedback that you gave us in your questionnaire feedback.

 Whole class work Teacher and Student Talk		 Group and pair work Teacher and Student Talk		 Individual work No talk	
Teachers	Students	Teachers	Students	Teachers	Students
Will explain and give instructions	Listen and focus Don't talk	Will move around the room to check progress and give help if needed	Focus on work Ensure talk is about the activity being carried out	Will move around the room to check progress and give help if needed or may, if appropriate, monitor the class from the front of the classroom	Focus on work and do not speak to others Put up their hand if they need help
Will select students to answer questions for recap and retrieval	Answer questions when asked Put up a hand if they want to ask a question or have something to contribute and wait for the teacher to ask them to speak		Listen to ideas from others Help other students that they are working with		Do not let others see or copy their work
Will ask students to put up a hand if they have an idea to share during discussion	Don't shout out answers (even if their hand is raised)		Keep their book or folder organised including sticking in sheets		Keep their book or folder organised including sticking in sheets

Secondly, we are working on **what makes an excellent Boroughbridge High School student** so that we can update how we report on students' approach to learning at each progress review (tracking) point. Further information about both of these will follow in future updates.

Expectations Evenings

An important part of our communication is our Expectations Evenings for parents and carers for each Year Group where we outline key information including curriculum, phases of learning, behaviour for learning, attendance and using My Child at School. You will also have the opportunity at these evenings to ask questions about any aspect of school life. **These will be held at 6p.m. on Monday 9th September for Year 7, Wednesday 11th for Years 8 and 9 and Thursday 12th for Years 10 and 11.** If you have children in more than one year group, then please choose the time which is most convenient for you.

If you wish to attend, please e-mail schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com stating which evening you would like to attend.

Staffing

Having welcomed Mr. Sands, Head of Computer Studies/ICT and Ms. Salter, Science Teacher in the last few of the Summer Term, we now look forward to welcoming Ms. Davies to the Mathematics team and Mrs. Cave to our Modern Foreign Languages team.

Friends of Boroughbridge High School

Following successful fundraising this year, the Friends of Boroughbridge High School are keen to continue their good work. You are warmly invited to their next meeting at **6p.m. on Wednesday 18th September at school** where you can bring along your ideas for future events, find out how you can help the school and see if there are any small tasks you might like to help with.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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