



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I trust you have had a lovely break and your child is ready for the new term. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students and helping them settle into our wonderful community.

6th September 2021 Return: Year 7 start at 8.30am - Years 8-11 start at 10am

All students should report to their form tutor on arrival into school. Staff will be available at the gates to help students get to the correct location. Photographs will be taken throughout the day so we have an up-to-date photograph on our system of your child.

The Murray Park Charter for Success

On Monday we will launch our Murray Park Charter for Success with our students. This is the next step in our journey of excellence. Each student should achieve a minimum expectation of five tasks completed in one year. Tutors will be recording the achievements and awards will be made to encourage take up of the charter tasks. Please support your child in collecting evidence of completed tasks and celebrating such achievements at home, we will also give opportunities in school. Examples in the past have been giving free places for trips to New York to Pupil Premium students. This is the grid they will work from:

THE MURRAY PARK CHARTER FOR SUCCESS					
5 - Bronze Award	10 - Silver Award	15 - Gold Award	20 - Platinum Award	25 - Diamond Award	30 - Emerald Award
Eat food from a different country. 	Read a classic novel. 	Visit a museum or a place of historical significance. 	See a live performance at the theatre. 	Write a letter in a different language about your hobbies. 	Cook a meal for your family.
Visit the beach. 	Visit a farm. 	Grow some vegetables. 	Take part in Sports Day. 	Write and send a letter. 	Undertake a new personal fitness activity.
Visit a place that you have never been to before. 	Raise money for a charity. 	Travel abroad. 	Bake some bread. 	Design a computer programme. 	Take part in an extra-curricular club.
Take part in a school sports club. 	Undertake an activity which benefits the local community. 	Gain a First Aid certificate. 	Hold a position of responsibility in the school. 	Visit a university. 	Play a musical instrument in front of someone.
Create a piece of artwork. 	Undertake work experience. 	Present in tutor time about your hobbies. 	Complete your CV. 	Visit a place of worship. 	Take part in a drama activity.

COVID-19 Arrangements

We now have the update from the Department for Education. As a result of this, we have reviewed our COVID-19 risk assessment and contingency plan. Please see attached with this letter. The main points for students are:

- ✓ We no longer have to stay in bubbles - though we will keep the dedicated toilets, food and field areas for each year group.
- ✓ We are no longer required to wear masks - this will be reinstated if we have 3 or more cases as per our contingency plan. Some may choose wear masks.
- ✓ Students no longer isolate unless they have symptoms themselves. In this case they should stay at home/be sent home and take a PCR test.
- ✓ Handwashing/sanitising is still recommended.



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Peer Mentoring

In conjunction with The Thompson team, we launched our peer mentoring scheme before the break and we have over sixty mentors ready to help our students with any issue they may face. This is a great opportunity for our students to gain leadership skills and our community to have someone their age to help if they are finding things difficult. The programme is based around our Murray Park Values and the nine protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010.



Reading Initiative and New School Day Timings from September: 8.30am – 3pm

Just a reminder that we will start school at 8.30am every morning (apart from the first day for Years 8-11). This is an excellent way to increase the time students have to read each day. All students will be expected to have a book in their bags, which they read for pleasure, and take these out each morning when they arrive in the tutor room. They can bring books from home or choose from the school library. The Read to Achieve initiative will be launched with KS3, where the tutor will read a set text with them a couple of mornings each week. We are very excited about seeing our students thrive and get excited about reading!

School Uniform

Students should attend in full uniform: skirts should be knee-length and not of a stretchy material, coats should be black or navy blue; there should be no nose piercing, even with clear retainers or unnatural hair colour/dye.

Thank you for all your support in the background to ensure our students arrive on time and ready to learn.

Kindest regards

Mrs Caley
Headteacher

