



SEAHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you were pleased with the feedback from Ofsted, which the school received following its inspection on the 9th May. We are now looking to build on the many positive comments to make this school even better for students. As a result, we are making some changes which will come into effect from September and they are detailed below;-

Firstly, we want to increase the opportunities for our students to become more self-reliant, independent and take responsibility for their own choices. To do this we are looking to promote and develop six attributes/characteristics in students. They are to be responsible, respectful, a risk taker, responsive, reflective and resilient – which together will be branded the 6R's. Students will find out more about this initiative when they return in September and as parents/carers, you will receive notification from the school next year as your child/children demonstrate high levels of success in these areas.

Secondly, we are removing the red and yellow cards as we bring in a new behaviour system. Our aim is to further reduce low-level misbehaviour by putting the emphasis on students taking responsibility for their own actions. We want to encourage students to reflect on their own behaviour, allow students the opportunity to put things right. However, our expectations of students are being raised and should students need to be removed from a lesson, this will still happen and you will be informed. The stepped discipline system remains and it should be noted that 85% of our students are on step 0 – meaning we have no concerns with their behaviour.

Thirdly, we are moving to a Year Group Pastoral System to allow us to more closely follow the progress of all students and better prepare them for the new GCSE examination system. All students will be placed into Year Tutor Groups and will have a Year Leader in charge of achievement and progress. This is who you will need to contact to discuss matters of this nature. The Year Leaders will be supported by a Year Manager and this is who you will contact for matters of behaviour and attendance. Each Year Group will have a designated member of the Senior Leadership Team for support and challenge. If you have any concerns or queries regarding child protection or welfare please contact our designated Child Protection Officer – Mrs Whitehead on 0191 5161600 or l.whitehead@seahamhighschool.com.



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The named contacts for the new Year Groups in September are:-

Year	Year Leader	Year Manager	Designated Senior Leadership Team Member
7	Miss Reichard	Mr P Carr	Mrs Whitehead
8	Mr McCracken	Mrs Haswell	Mr Harbron
9	Mr Neale	Mr Bolton	Mrs Forster
10	Mr Parker	Mr Murphy	Mr Langlands
11	Ms Ledger	Mr Remmer	Mr Henderson

The new tutor groups will be announced to students on the first day back in September. As all students will not know where to go in school on the first day back we are going to have a staggered start like we did when we moved into the new build last year. The start times for the new year groups are as follows and students need to go the main hall when they come into school:-

Tuesday 5 th September 2017	8.45	Year 7
	9.15	Year 8
	9.45	Year 9
	10.15	Year 10
	10.45	Year 11

Please ensure you purchase only uniform that is suitable and appropriate for our school. Tight trousers, leggings and hoodies are not appropriate and we have clear guidelines for footwear. Similarly, if you are



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purchasing skirts ensure that they are of an appropriate length for a school environment. If you are unsure, please check the school website for details. As last year, we will conduct uniform checks as students arrive and issue letters to those not wearing the correct uniform.

One other change to make you aware of is that all students are being kept on site during the lunch break. In the past Year 11 students have been allowed to leave at lunchtime. However, the school is on a much busier road now and we are doing this as it is the best way to keep students safe during their breaks. We have already introduced some outdoor tennis tables and table football tables for students to use in their breaks and we will be looking to build on these resources.

I have also attached the school holiday dates for 2017 – 2018.

Finally, I would like to wish all students and their families an enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr DA Shield
Head Teacher