



July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Congratulations! It won't be long before your child joins us in year 7. We again offer you a very warm welcome. We are very pleased to be sharing the next exciting stage of your child's academic and personal development with you.

Please find below the dates and details of some important events coming up this school year:

**Year 7 Summer School** - Monday 26th - Friday 30th July, 9.30am - 2.30pm. Please refer to the website for further details.

**School Shop Summer Holiday Opening Hours** – The school shop on site will be open for uniform and equipment on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 12pm.

**Year 7 Transition Day – (First day of school) Friday 3rd September 2021, 8:15am – 2.55pm**

#### **Arriving at school (8.15am – 8.25am)**

During your child's first day, only year 7's and year 12's will be attending. The rest of the school will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Your child will be expected to arrive for school between 8.15am and 8.25am, dressed in full school uniform. Please come to the main school reception where they will be met here by staff who will direct them.

Their tutor will be there to meet them, and will take them to be introduced to the rest of their tutor group. **Your child will not need to bring their PE kit on the first day.** On the first day our canteen will be serving food so please ensure you have your child's sQuid account set up so they are able to purchase food. No cash will be accepted.

The first part of the morning will be dedicated to your child getting to know their form tutor as well as the rest of the students in their form group; this will include teambuilding tasks, getting to know their way around the school, having their photo taken for our school records and their finger print scanned for use with their sQuid account. For the rest of the day, they will be following their timetabled lessons.

#### **Leaving school at the end of the day (2.55pm)**

At the end of the day, year 7 will be directed to exit the school site via the gate at the side of the Leisure Centre or, if they are catching a bus, by the gate next to Visitor Reception. If you are collecting your child make sure you know which gate they will be exiting from.



### **Year 7 Curriculum Evening, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

This is an opportunity to learn how to best support your child on their academic journey in their first year at school. Further information, including timings, will be sent to you nearer the date.

### **School early closure in preparation for our Open Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

To allow us to prepare for our Open Evening, school will close for students at 12.30pm.

### **Year 7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

This will be your opportunity to meet your children's teachers and discuss their academic progress. Further information on how to book your appointments will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Berkshire Maestros – Instrumental and Vocal lessons at The Bulmershe School**

Please view these opportunities on our website which are available for your child at The Bulmershe School.

### **Swimming**

We are now in a position to offer swimming as part of the curriculum and after school. Please purchase dark swimming costume and swimming shorts (optional swimming hat and goggles).

We do hope that your child is feeling confident about starting with us in September; however, if you do need more support, please remember the resources on the dedicated 'Welcome Year 6' page on The Bulmershe School Website. There are videos that show your child around the school and introduce them to key members of staff. There are also some helpful booklets and resources that allow them to work through any worries.

Furthermore, for urgent queries, you can contact us on [transition@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:transition@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk) any time, including over the summer break.

We look forward to meeting you and your child on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T Edwards  
**Head of Year 7**

Miss L Harris  
**Lead Practitioner of Transition**