

21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We come to the last week of term, and I must thank you first of all for working with us through yet another national crisis – this time the heat. Hopefully this will be a rare occasion, but students did conduct themselves sensibly and safely while in school during the heatwave.

It's been a pleasure to hold some events over the last two weeks that have brought school alive, with a very successful Sports Day last week, an excellent Theme day covering a range of personal, social, health and wellbeing topics and finally the fantastic Rewards Festival this week.

We look forward to more regular rewards events like this in 2022-23, particularly to celebrate and recognise when students are getting it right, day after day. You may have noticed that we have switched from recording rewards in student planners to online, which has the benefit of allowing parents and carers to see the positive points that can mount up quickly when young people are getting it right. If you don't have the MCAS app (My Child At School), please ask the office for support in getting registered to quickly see up to the minute information about your child, including lesson by lesson attendance and rewards.

### **New School Day**

Thank you to those parents and carers who got in touch to ask questions about the new school day, which we can now confirm as the arrangements from September. Each day will now be the same, in the schedule below, and LIFE lessons will now be held weekly.

**Please note the slight difference to the end times of the day.**

All Year Groups	Tutor time	8.30 – 8.50
	Lesson 1	8.50 - 9.55
	Lesson 2	9.55 - 11.00
	Break	11.00 - 11.15
Years 7, 9 and 11	Lesson 3	11.15 – 12.20
	Lunch	12.20 – 12.50
	Lesson 4	12.50 – 13.55
Years 8 and 10	Lesson 4	12.20 - 13.25
	Lunch	13.25 - 13.55
All Year Groups	Lesson 5	13.55 – 15.00

## **Change to Mobile Phone Policy**

We have found this year that allowing mobile phones in 'phone zones' and at social times in school has not worked. Too often, issues related to mobile phones and messaging cause conflict and upset. Aside from this safeguarding issue, recent research has shown that the effect of banning mobile phones from school premises adds up to the equivalent of an extra week's schooling over a child's academic year.

**From September, mobile phones will no longer be allowed to be seen or used on school site at any part of the day.** Students may have them kept on silent or off in a bag, but the rule is, if we see it, it will be confiscated until the end of the day. It is more important than ever that students bring a bag to school to keep equipment safe in. The full mobile phone policy will be shared with you all on the school website shortly.

## **September arrangements**

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 8.30am. We have a busy year ahead of us, with a range of changes and improvements to the school planned. Please support us by getting your child ready with full uniform for that first day back – we start as we mean to go on, with uniform just one focus for improvement in September.

Students have really taken on board the values they helped choose earlier this year, of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness. We look forward to continuing to guide students in 2022-23 to be respectful, responsible and kind at every opportunity.

As ever, if you have questions or comments regarding anything in this letter, please either call the school on 0114 232 2338, or email [enquiries@chaucer.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@chaucer.sheffield.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



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