

**END OF TERM INFORMATION BULLETIN
FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

As we approach the end of what has been an eventful and challenging year for everyone involved with the school, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some key events/dates and arrangements for next week and for the new academic year in September.

Year 10 Pre-Public Exams

These are a crucially important set of exams designed to inform you, your son and his teachers of the areas of strength and those for improvement in each of his subjects as he moves into Year 11. This means they are of paramount importance and must be taken very seriously, with appropriate preparation and revision. Exams will continue into the last week – please refer to the personalised timetable distributed earlier. Your support in monitoring and encouraging extensive revision will, as always, be much appreciated. It has been particularly difficult and unsettling with the recent series of strikes even though the exam timetable has been adhered to, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers and the boys for their efforts.

Inter-House Challenge Day / Sports Day – Wednesday 19th July

You will have received information about our change of format this year for the traditional 'Sports Day' which will have an element of sporting endeavour involved on the day, but will this year include school-based activities, games and challenges for all Key Stage 3 students. We hope the new format will introduce broader participation and involvement.

Year 9 Achievement Evening

The annual celebration for Year 9 students takes place on Tuesday 18th July. Awards will be presented to students nominated in a range of categories - progress, achievement, effort, attendance, subject participation and community engagement. Further details will be sent to those participating.

Final day of term – Friday 21st July

The day will end after Period 4, at 12:45pm. A limited cold lunch ('grab and go') service will be available for those students requiring it.

Examination Results' Days

Thursday 17th August

'A' level results will be available for collection in the school Library from 10am to 1.00pm, with sixth form colleagues available to assist students with their UCAS applications.

Thursday 24th August

GCSE results will be available for collection in the school Library from 10am to 1.00pm, with staff available to assist boys with their sixth form options.

NB – due to Data Protection regulations, results can only be given directly to the students, or to parents who can provide evidence of their identification - and they will be required to sign for the collection. Results cannot be given out via the phone. If you wish your son's results to be posted home please provide an SAE to the Exams' Officer Ms Beadle before the end of term.

Academic Year 2017/2018

Please note the dates for the start of the next academic year:-

Monday 04 September – Staff CPD (no students in school)

Tuesday 05 September – Staff CPD (no students in school)

Wednesday 06 September – Staff CPD (no students in school)

Thursday 07 September – new Year 7 & Year 12 only from 08:25am

From 11.10am - Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & Year 13

Whole school finish at 3pm

Friday 08 September – all Years Groups in school with normal timetabled lessons

From Friday 8th September, the new school day timings will be implemented as follows;

Normal school day – Tuesday to Friday		Early closure school day - Mondays	
Time	Session	Time	Session
08:25 – 08:30	Movement time	08:30 – 08:45	AM Registration & Tutor time
08:30 – 08:50	AM Registration & Tutor time	08:45 – 09:45	Lesson 1
08:50 – 09:50	Lesson 1	09:45 – 10:45	Lesson 2
09:50 – 10:50	Lesson 2	10:45 – 11:05	Break time
10:50 – 11:10	Break time	11:05 – 12:00	Lesson 3
11:10 – 12:10	Lesson 3	12:00 – 12:55	Lesson 4
12:10 – 13:10	Lesson 4	12:55 – 13:40	Lunch time
13:10 – 13:55	Lunch time	13:40 – 14:35	Lesson 5 (PM Registration)
13:55 – 14:00	Movement time		
14:00 – 15:00	Lesson 5 (PM Registration)		

The school calendar for 2017/18 (term and holiday dates) is available on the website at www.foresthill.lewisham.sch.co.uk

Uniform

I would once again request your vigilance and support in ensuring standards of uniform are enforced. Over the holiday period I expect many parents will be purchasing replacement items of uniform for the start of the new academic year. For your information the following rules should be strictly adhered to, as breaches of them regularly causes us unnecessary difficulties:-

- **Plain black blazer with school badge and House colour flash**
- **Plain black, traditional school trousers – not lightweight, jeans, cords, combat or cargo style**
- **Plain white shirt – not polo shirt or other casual/sports style**
- **Plain black v-necked jumper (optional)**
- **Clip-on tie in relevant House colour**
- **Plain black shoes – that can be polished, ie not with coloured stitching or laces**

Details of uniform suppliers can be found on our website. School ties can be purchased at school for £6 each, along with Day Books for £3.50 each.

We are now a 'cashless school' so all purchases are made through ParentPay, including school lunches and snacks at breaktime – you will have received details when we introduced the new system recently. There are comprehensive details of the system and how it works on our website and more generally at www.parentpay.com Please be aware that students are unable to purchase any food with cash – we no longer have systems in place to support cash on the school site. Students' accounts must therefore be topped up in good time so funds are available – this can be done either online or via various local Pay Point shops.

Equipment

Please support a positive start to the new academic year by ensuring your son is prepared with the following essential (minimum) equipment and that these are brought to school every day:

- Daybook
- Pencil case with – 2 black pens / 2 pencils / ruler / rubber / calculator

Prohibited items

For the avoidance of any doubt I would like to remind parents/carers that the following items are not permitted in school and will be subject to confiscation should any student be found with them:

- *Mobile phones*
- *Hooded jumpers/tops ('hoodies')*
- *Baseball caps*
- *Roller skates/skate boards*
- *Rings and bracelets*

Mobile phones are a particular concern. Please assist us by supporting the school rule - it is not a reasonable expectation for the school to waste valuable time investigating the inappropriate use of, or indeed the loss of phones, **when they are strictly forbidden in school.**

Emails / Home / Mobile contact numbers

I would be grateful if you could ensure the school has your current email and mobile phone contact details. These are invaluable to help us keep you informed. We send all communications home via email for prompt sharing of information and to save on resources and costs, so it is vital we have correct contact information. Details of your email address(es) and/or current mobile number(s) may be forwarded to your son's tutor or directly to the main office. You may also send an email with details to admissions@foresthillschool.co.uk – please ensure you quote your son's full name. Many thanks in anticipation of your support in ensuring our records are kept updated and current.

'fhs'

The summer edition of the school's termly magazine - 'fhs' – is published on the school's website and emailed home to parents/carers each week. It carries articles and information on all aspects of school and community life, providing a flavour of our vibrant and dynamic school, and the extensive opportunities available to the boys.

To access this and other important information please visit www.foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk

I am pleased to report that staff recruitment is completed and new members of staff will be joining the team in September. I have been personally involved in the process of selection and interviews and am delighted with the quality personnel joining the staff body. With the new faculty structure implemented from September and the high calibre of colleagues I am confident of the future success of the school and am looking forward to the new and promising dawn that awaits.

And finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable summer break.

Mike Sullivan
Headteacher