



FOREST HILL SCHOOL

ASPIRING TO EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

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Arrangements for the end of Summer Term and the start of Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we rapidly approach the end of another full-to-bursting academic year I'm writing to give you some information about key events which are happening on the final two days of term, arrangements for dismissal on the last day of term (Thursday 21 July), as well as arrangements for the first day of the 2022-23 academic year (5 September).

First of all, before outlining the things which are happening next Wednesday and Thursday, I'd like to communicate again about adaptations put in place to allow boys to better cope with the very hot weather. As of today, boys have the option to wear PE kit instead of uniform. Please see the email sent to you on Tuesday which gives more details on which items may be worn.

Core Values Day – Wednesday 20 July

A lot of effort went into the thinking behind our revised Core Values and to their branding. I hope you agree with me that the results are fantastic! To help us embed them into the everyday life of the school, the Heads of House have organised a series of activities for students to participate in on Wednesday. These take in the four Core Values of Hard Work, Ambition, Respect and Kindness and are intended to be interesting, fun, with a strong emphasis on teamwork and an element of competition between the Houses. Boys will complete them in tutor groups during lessons 3-5. We intend to make Core Values Day a Forest Hill School tradition.

Sports Day (Years 7-9) – Thursday 21 July

You will have already received an email detailing arrangement for Sports Day. All Year 7, 8 and 9 students are expected to participate in Sports Day and, following on from Core Values Day, it is another event which is central to the community ethos of Forest Hill School, whilst also promoting the theme of healthy inter-House competition.

Details of the times your son will need to arrive at school in order to board coaches for the journey to Croydon Arena are in the email sent last week. Here I'd like to remind you that when boys return to school after the event, they will be dismissed to go home directly from their coach. The approximate timings for this are as follows:

- Year 7 – leave event at 12:00 and be dismissed from the coach around 12:30
- Year 8 – leave event at 12:15 and be dismissed from the coach around 12:45
- Year 9 – leave event at 12:30 and be dismissed from the coach around 1:00

We aim to go ahead with Sports Day as planned, as temperatures are set to drop to mid-20s by Thursday. We will keep you informed if the situation changes.

Careers Day (Year 10) – Thursday 21 July

Year 10 students will have a very busy term as they begin Year 11 in September. As well as focussing on ensuring they prepare well for Centre Assessments in December, they will be thinking about the next steps in their education following GCSEs in June 2023. Most sixth form providers have open events for September 2023

recruitment in the Autumn Term and many require applications to be submitted before the Christmas break. Being organised and prepared for this is crucial.

In order to support them in this endeavour Assistant Headteacher, Mr Kai-Samba, has organised a morning of activities to help focus students on what is to come. They will experience a variety of careers-related activities intended to get them thinking in more detail about their strengths and goals for the future. As well as this they will receive practical tips on the best ways to go about choosing a school or college for post-16 study, and securing a place there.

Following this event Year 10 boys will be dismissed from school at **12:10**.

Arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term 2022-23

The first day of term is **Monday 5 September 2022**. Arrangements for arrival at school are as follows:

- **Year 7** – arrive at the **Mayow Road gate from 08:15 to 08:25**. They will spend lessons 1&2 meeting their Tutor and Tutor Group and receiving an induction into the school. They will be the only year group in school at this time.
- **Years 8 & 9** – arrive at the gates stated below for **10:45**. They will line up, be met by their Head of Year and Tutor and then receive an induction into the new school year.
- **Years 10 & 11** – arrive at the gates below for **11:05** from where they will proceed to their Tutor Room to receive induction into the new school year

The school timetable proper will commence at **12:00**. The school day ends at 14:40 (Monday early closure).

Arrival			Dismissal		
Year 7	Front Gate	Mayow Road	3:00pm (Tuesday to Friday)	Front Gate	Mayow Road
Year 8	Back Gate	Bampton Road		Back Gate	Bampton Road
Year 9	Late Gate	Dacres Road	2:40pm (Monday)	Late Gate	Dacres Road
Year 10	Back Gate	Bampton Road		Back Gate	Bampton Road
Year 11	Front Gate	Mayow Road		Front Gate	Mayow Road

May I please encourage parents and carers of boys Years 8 to 11 to ensure that uniform and PE kit items which are worn out or too small have been replaced in time for the new school year. It is also essential that students have all necessary school equipment and a pencil case ready for the start of term. Details of requirements can be found on the school website. [Equipment | Forest Hill School](#)

A reminder to parents of students entering Year 10 and 11 in September that it is a requirement that boys wear the standard Forest Hill PE kit for Games lessons. An email has already been sent with details of this.

It only remains for me to wish you and enjoyable and restful Summer break. We look forward to working together with you in September!

Best wishes,



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Headteacher