

23rd July2021

Dear Parent/Carer

End of the school year

We are finally coming to the end of another incredible school year! We have certainly had our ups and downs, but mostly up, and we have once again been on an incredible journey over the last 12 months both as a school and as a wider community. We are really looking forward to September and have been really pleased to have the majority of students and staff back on site for the last week after a very difficult period of the pandemic with such high numbers having to self-isolate once again.

Firstly, thank you to all our parents, carers and supporters who have sent us positive messages and thank yous throughout the year for everything we have tried to do to help our young people. It is always a team effort, and we are only able to feel this proud of our students because we have the support of their families and carers too.

Secondly, I hope you will be able to make the most of the summer break and enjoy a change of pace and routine, and perhaps even some continued good weather. I think we all need that! To the many parents and carers who will be serving the community in essential and keyworker roles over the next few weeks, we send a huge thank you from all of us here at Seahaven for everything you have done to enable us to do our jobs here in school.

Finally, if you would like to support your child's learning further over the summer weeks, or just need some inspiration for activities or even some support for mental health, The Oak Academy has a new area of their site dedicated to parents/carers for all of the above and lots more good ideas:

https://www.thenational.academy/summer-learning-parents

Reminders for the end/ start of term:

OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY

End of term: Friday 23rd July, 12.20pm

Friday will be an early finish and students will be able to leave at 12.20pm. Food will be available during the morning breaks as usual.



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Start of term in September: Friday 3rd September and Monday 6th September

- Years 7 and 11 will return on Friday 3rd September
- Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Monday 6th September

This is to allow us to stagger the Covid testing and settle year 7 students who have had very little induction time with us so far, and year 11 who will have an extremely busy year ahead.

Covid tests prior to return to school in September

At present, the plan is for students to have the first of 2 Covid tests requested by the government before the start of term. Full details will be shared on the school website and by text/email on Friday 27th August when we hope to have had confirmation from the government around what is expected of schools.

Tests are likely to take place for different year groups on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September from 2.30pm onwards.

Uniform

Please make sure that students have all the correct uniform for September. The full list is on the website here: <u>Uniform list</u> In particular, please note that school skirts must be the Charleston-style version available from Intersport and that formal shoes must be worn rather than trainers. The school jumper – when it gets colder – is the grey version from Intersport, not the PE sweatshirt which is only for sports lessons.

Please also note that hair dyes which are not natural colours and false/painted nails will need to disappear before the end of the holidays in time for the return to school.

If you have any concerns about affordability of uniform, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader who will be able to support you in getting the items needed.

Equipment

Please also make sure that students have the required equipment to make every second of every lesson count. Trying to find pens/ pencils etc. During lessons can be very distracting and a waste of precious learning time. It also leads to conduct points and to detentions. We are hoping to set up a school shop for these items later in the year, but until then all students need the following: Equipment list

Have a great summer!

Yours sincerely Seahaven Academy