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Dear Parents/Carers

Start of the New School Year

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you have enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break. As we prepare to welcome students back for the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few important expectations to ensure a smooth and successful start.

Term Start Date

The new school year will begin on Thursday 4 September. Students should arrive promptly by 8.25am and be ready to begin learning from day one.

Wednesday 3 September will be an induction day for our new Year 7 and Year 12 intake. Students need to arrive by 8.25am at the student gate on Concorde Road.

Uniform Expectations

We take pride in our school uniform as it reflects our high standards and sense of community. Please ensure that your child returns to school in full uniform, which includes:

- Blazers (*these are compulsory in Terms 1-5*)
- Tie
- Grey trousers (*with belt if needed*) to be worn at waist height
- Skirts at, just above or below, knee length
- Shirts tucked in at all times (*apart from social times and never untucked in the buildings*)
- No excessive jewellery, excessive makeup, or non-uniform items (ie hoodies)
- No facial piercing
- Hair at a natural colour (*no unnatural hair dye*)

If you are unsure about any aspect of the uniform policy, please refer to our website or contact the school office. If uniform is not compliant with the school uniform policy, we will send students home to correct immediately.

Essential Equipment

To support effective learning, all students are expected to bring the following items each day:

- A school bag large enough to carry books and equipment
- Pens (black/blue and red), pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, glue stick
- Scientific calculator
- Geometry set
- Reading book
- Refillable water bottle

Being properly equipped helps students to be organised and ready to learn.

Students will be issued with their YONDR Mobile Pouch on the first day of term and time will be given to familiarise them with how to secure it at the start of the day and how to release it at the end of day. The pouches will be taken to and from school by your child and it will be their responsibility to bring them to school.

If you have made the decision not to purchase a YONDR Pouch this means your child cannot bring a mobile phone to school. BFS is now a mobile phone free school for Years 7 to 11 between the hours of 8.25am to 3.00pm.

If you need to leave an emergency message for your child, please contact the school admin team via email or phone main reception 0117 9597200 and we will make sure your child receives the message.

A final reminder that we expect all students on-site by 8.25am (*the first bell*) to be ready for tutor which commences at 8.30am. A punctual start to school is so important and arriving late means students miss out on essential information from tutor or assembly. It is also important to allow time for ensuring YONDR pouches are locked on entry to school site.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and to working in partnership with you to support your child's progress and wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S King', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mrs S King
Headteacher