



16 July 2018

Dear Parent

First of all, I would like to thank you all for your support at home. We end the year with a huge amount to celebrate and can feel truly proud of everything our students and staff have achieved.

In March 2018, we were visited by Ofsted and were delighted that they have recognised that **we continue to be a good school**. They have acknowledged the good work that we are doing and that the school continues to move forward. Last week representatives from Bury Council visited the school to pass on their congratulations to the staff for their hard work and commitment.

As a school we have been focusing on increasing our parental engagement. We now have a Parent Voice group that meets on a regular basis to discuss and inform school practice and policy. I would strongly encourage you to join this team next term – we really do want to hear your views and opinions. During the year we have held a number of extra events for parents, many aimed at providing information about their child's education so they can support them at home. Parent workshops will continue to be calendared next academic year.

Undoubtedly our most exciting venture this year has been the creation of our STEAM Garden. Designed by the students for the students the garden was opened last week with a Garden Party attended by our local community. This was a truly amazing evening and we hope to do more events of this nature in the future.

End of Term - In accordance with our usual practice at the end of term, we will be closing early on **Friday 20th July**. We will begin to dismiss students from **12.15pm**.

Please note that the school bus services will not be available at the end of the school day. However, the school crossing patrol will operate from 12.15pm. Please would you check your child's arrangements for getting home? All students are expected to attend school right up to, and including, the final session.

Following our consultation with staff, students and parents about the school day the governors have agreed our changes to the start and end times each day. In line with this we have been able to negotiate the changes to the 799 bus (see attached letter). The 487 bus however will still leave The Derby High School at 3.55pm. Activities in the library and a Homework Club will be running after school each night and all students are welcome to use these resources if they wish.

SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2018	
8.45 – 9.05 (students should arrive by 8.40)	Form time/assembly
9.05 – 10.10	Lesson 1
10.10 – 11.15	Lesson 2
11.15 – 11.30	Break
11.30 – 12.30	Lesson 3
12.30 – 1.10 (bell goes at 1.05)	Lunchtime
1.10 – 2.10	Lesson 4
2.10 – 3.15	Lesson 5
Wednesday Early Closure 2.10pm	



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Start of Term

The new school term for students commences with registration on:

Tuesday 4 September 2018

All students should arrive by 8.40am for registration at 8.45am. The school day ends at 3.15pm.

Uniform - We will, of course, be looking forward to getting the new school year off to the best possible start. To this end, we will expect all students to be smartly attired in school uniform. Some key points to note:

- A navy blue blazer must be worn
- Plain black practical leather shoes (not canvas, trainers or coloured laces)
- School skirts must be knee length
- Trousers should not be skin tight
- No extreme hairstyles
- Only one small stud earring is allowed in each ear lobe
- No other jewellery such as bracelets, rings, necklaces, other than a suitable wrist watch, should be worn

If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable please consult the school website before buying it. As last September we will be enforcing our uniform policy very strictly when we return after the summer break.

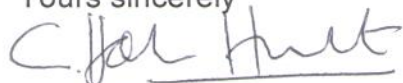
Please also note that we have changed the PE kit for the new Year 7 students and would ask that as you update your child's PE kit you move over to this kit (see attached letter).

Students are expected to bring **7** pieces of equipment in each day in a school bag (pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator, student planner, reading book). It is also advisable to bring a geometry set.

The end of term in schools can be particularly sad times because it is then that we tend to say goodbye to colleagues. This year a number of staff who have served the school loyally over many years move on to promotions in other schools. As you may know, Mr Margolis, Deputy Headteacher for the past 15 years, retires this time and we wish him and all the staff who are moving on well in their new ventures. From September Mr Singh will be the new Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum and Standards at The Derby High School.

May I thank you once again for your support in 2017/2018 and wish you all a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher