

FINHAM PARK SCHOOL

A Mathematics & Computing College



July 2017

Dear Parent & Carers

It seems no time at all since the current year 7 students joined us in September full of enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead. I am confident that this year has lived up to their expectations when I consider all of the opportunities they have had.

- In Mathematics, 55% of the students who were entered for the Mathematics Challenge achieved an award, which is well above the national average.
- English stimulated the imagination of students across the school through Finham Challenge, where students wrote an essay on the biggest threat to society.
- Sporting achievements were again tremendous with regional finalists in Trampolining, Football and Netball.
- There has been a huge variety of trips available from Kenilworth Castle and Dol-y-Moch, to international trips that included China, Poland, France and Spain.

These are just a glimpse of the events that have taken place this year, if you wish to know about other events that took place please look at the Summer Newsletter which has a link on the school website.

These events would not take place without the partnership between school and home. I would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support for the school and wish you a relaxing holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students and their families that I have worked with since joining Finham Park seventeen years ago for their support and enthusiasm. I will take many fond memories of my time at Finham, from fundraising to achieve the Mathematics and Computing specialism right at the beginning to leading the development of the curriculum into the 21st century. But most of all I will remember my many conversations with the amazing students we have. I could not have wished for a better school to work in as my final school before retirement. I hope that you have a wonderful summer and I wish you all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

V E Maginnis

MRS V MAGINNIS
Associate Headteacher

In order to support you in your preparation for the beginning of next term we have included certain key information overleaf.....

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KEY INFORMATION

1. Last Day of Term Arrangements

As we did at Christmas we are shortening the final day of term, Friday, 21 July. Students will have normal lessons periods 1 and 2, followed by mentor periods and assemblies to reflect on the activities and new learning experiences from this academic year. **Students will be dismissed from school at 1.00pm.** Students are reminded to be in full school uniform on the last day of term

2. Start dates for the new academic year

Monday 4 September Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5 September 8:50am **Year 7** in the sports hall;
Years 10 go to mentor rooms;
Year 12 in the Theatre for assembly

10:05am **Years 8, 9 & 11** arrive at school & go to mentor rooms
Year 13 are not in school

Wednesday, 6 September Normal lessons all day for **Years 7-13**

3. Important dates for the first half term:

- 15 September Year 7 & 10 photos
- 21 September Year 7 & 12 Meet the Mentor Evening
- 28 September Open Evening (school will close at 1.45pm)
- 4 October Year 9 Study Skills evening for parents and students
- 1 November Year 11 Study Skills evening
- 20 October Last Day of Half Term
- Further calendar dates will be available on the school website

I would like to thank parents & carers for your continued support, and hope you have a great summer.

Yours sincerely

MS S MEGENEY
Deputy Headteacher



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Exceptional Leave in Term Time reminder

Please can I remind you that holidays during term time will not be authorised except for exceptional reasons.

New arrangement for supporting children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND).

If your child has special educational needs, you may know that the Department for Education (DfE) has made some changes to the Code of Practice. Information for parents on the new SEND Code of Practice can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/301837/SEND_reforms-letter_for_parents.pdf

Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students continue to look exceptionally smart. We continue to receive praise from the community on how smart Finham Park students are on the way to and from school. As way of a reminder, please can you ensure your child wears:

- Black, sensible school **shoes**, with *black sole* (no coloured stitching or logos) – trainers, pumps or boots are not suitable for school, neither are heels.
- Black or grey **socks** (also white socks for girls) – coloured/ patterned socks are not suitable.
- Plain black, grey or flesh coloured **tights** - patterned tights are not suitable for school
- Plain 'school grey' **trousers** suitable for school - fashion trousers - jean style, 'skinny' or stretch materials are not suitable for school
- OR plain grey *knee-length* pleated **skirt** - fashion skirts, tight, short or very long skirts are not suitable.
- Plain white school **shirt**, buttoned at the neck– long or short sleeved
- Navy and gold clip-on **tie** with college colour
- Navy school **jumper/** tank-top with single gold stripe around neck.
- Navy **blazer** with Finham Park logo - must be worn to school every day; this may be removed in lessons without staff permission
- Suitable outdoor **coat** - tracksuit tops, hooded tops, leather or denim jackets are not suitable for school.
- No **hats** can be worn on school site apart from navy blue Finham Park hat with logo.
- Only one pair of stud earrings can be worn in ears and one small ring is allowed - large items of **jewellery** or other piercings are not suitable for school.
- Years 10 & 11 girls - *discreet* **make-up**. No nail varnish allowed.
- **Headscarves** should be black or dark blue.
- Only small hairclips / hairbands are allowed. No coloured or extreme hairstyles, including tram lines or very short **hair**.
- All students need a suitable bag with all necessary **equipment** to ensure they are ready to learn (pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, sharpener, calculator, planner)

The school is happy to support students in wearing items, which relate to culture or religion. It will be appreciated that there cannot be endless arguments about dress, and *the school's decision on whether appearance is appropriate for school or not must be the final one*. Students whose appearance is not appropriate for school may be sent home and asked to change.

If students/parents are in doubt about what is suitable school wear they should consult the school website at www.finhampark.co.uk or speak to your child's mentor or college leader.

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