

July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

As another academic year draws to a close I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year but also provide you with some key information and dates for the next term. It is only by working in partnership with you that we can achieve the very best outcomes for students in our care.

It has been another very memorable and highly successful year with much to celebrate as a school community. This week we have seen all students participate in a whole host of activities as part of our activities week. Getting involved in activities outside the classroom and working effectively alongside others are invaluable skills for life and the work of work.

Looking forward to next year it is important that we start the new academic year with the same high standards and expectations of our students so have included some reminders below of key dates and protocols that you may find useful.

Academic Year 2017-18

Please note that the new school term starts on **Tuesday, 5th September 2017** for our students as we have a Teacher Training Day scheduled for Monday, 4th September 2017. Year 9 start school at the usual time of **8.55am** in their tutor groups. Year 10 and Year 11 start at a slightly later time of **10:10am**.

Year Group	Tutorial	P1	P2		P3
9	Assembly Bottom Gym 8.55am	Tutorial - to include tour of school/fire procedure walk through Tutorial / Ice breakers / Planners / Timetables		Break	Lessons Begin
10	Students arrive in school for a 10:10am start		Assembly Top Gym 10:15 - 10:30 Timetable and ice breakers		Lessons Begin
11			Assembly Top Gym 10:15 - 10:30 Timetable and ice breakers		Lessons Begin
12	Meet Tutor in Sports Hall 8.55am	9.10-9.30 Assembly Top Gym 9.30-10.15 Induction Activities Sports Hall	10.15-11:00 Timetables and ice breakers in form room		Lessons Begin
13	Tutor Groups as Normal 8.55am	9.10-9.30 Assembly Top Gym 9:30-10:15 - Reflection/Timetable/Ice Breakers in form room	Induction Activities in Sports Hall 10.15- 11.00 am		Lessons Begin

Also included with this letter are the term dates, holidays and teacher training days, which we hope will help you to plan in advance for holidays

Reminder of Routines and Expectations

Lunchtimes

We do allow students to leave site during lunchtime however if you would prefer your son/daughter to remain on site please let the Head of Year know. In anticipation of your support, it would be very helpful if you could talk to your son/daughter about the importance of adopting mature behaviours in the local community if they choose to leave the premises at lunchtime. **We must remind you that leaving the school site is a privilege and this may be revoked if there is any cause for concern.**

Uniform and organisation

It is vital that as a school we prepare our young people not only for their studies but also to become well-rounded, confident individuals. How well prepared they are for school is a key factor in this; enabling them to be ready for lessons and ultimately training them to be prepared for further study, university or the world of work. We will be providing all students with a planner/diary and request that they come to school with this every day along with the necessary equipment or kit they require on any given day in a school bag.

As well as personal organisation, personal presentation is also important. We are incredibly proud of our school and the confident and happy young people within it, our uniform is a symbol of this as it was designed by our students and is worn with pride. I have included a copy of our school uniform guidelines for your information.

I must stress that students **will not be allowed to wear leggings or jeans** in September and footwear must be **all black**. Black trainers are allowed but must be all black with no white stripes or coloured piping. Fashion trousers are allowed, as long as they are all black. Leggings can be quite transparent and therefore **will not be allowed**. There has been an increase in the number of 'Energy Drinks' being consumed by our young people in school and as a result of promoting a healthy and active lifestyle these **are not allowed** on site. I thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

If you have any second hand uniform that you wish to donate to the school, please pass this on to the front office or Heads of Year. This is always gratefully received.

Attend to Achieve

A reminder that we aim for all students to have a minimum of **95% attendance** throughout the year and that students should be at school for 8:45am at the latest. We cannot authorise school holidays during term time and the expectation is that these are taken during holiday periods. Please find enclosed your individual attendance for this year.

Celebrations and Achievements

The last year has been a very successful one for our students with many achievements at different levels across the school, from the academic achievements of students who have completed examinations, to the many successes outside of the classroom both locally and nationally.

GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form Enrolment – Thursday 24th August 2017

GCSE results come out on Thursday 24th August. Year 11 students will be able to collect their results in school at 9:30 am. Teaching staff and Connexions advisers will be on hand to offer advice and guidance.

If you are joining us in the Sixth Form, they should go to the enrolment desks where staff will be available from the Sixth Form. During this 10-15 minute meeting, guidance on course choices and career intentions will be discussed. Enrolment meetings will also be available on Friday 25th August for any student who needs more time to consider their course choices. We are hoping to welcome as many of our Year 11 students into our sixth form as possible, provided the course we offer are suited to them. If you have any questions prior to results day, please contact me in school. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you and your son/daughter on Thursday 24th August.

On behalf of all of the staff here at Monkseaton, we hope you and your family have a relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Yours faithfully



Mrs T Crowder
Headteacher



Mrs T Willis
Deputy Headteacher

Term Dates for 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September - Friday 20th October 2017

Monday 30th October - Friday 22nd December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 19th February - Friday 29th March 2017

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April - Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 4th June-Friday 20th July 2018

Training Days

Please note these days are provisional and subject to change

Bank Holidays in Term Time

Friday 30th March 2018

Monday 7th May 2018

Monday 28th may

Teacher Training days (school closed for students)

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 24th November 2017

Friday 29th June 2018

Times of the School Day 2017-2018

Please note that students will follow a two-week timetable in September

All students should be in school prompt for 8:45am

Monday/Thursday/Friday

Registration	8.55 am – 9.10 am
Period 1	9.10 am – 10.10 am
Period 2	10.10 am – 11.10 am
BREAK	11.10 am – 11.30 am
Period 3	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
LUNCH	12.30 pm – 1.25 pm
Period 4	1.25 pm – 2.25 pm
Period 5	2.25 pm – 3.25 pm
Registration	3.25 pm – 3.35 pm

Tuesday

Registration	8.55 am – 9.10 am
Period 1	9.10 am – 10.10 am
Period 2	10.10 am – 11.10 am
BREAK	11.10 am – 11.30 am
Period 3	11.30 am – 12.30 pm
LUNCH	12.30 pm – 1.25 pm
Period 4	1.25 pm – 2.25 pm
Registration	2.25 pm – 2.35 pm
No Period 5	(Training for all staff/Yr11 exams practice in the hall Yr9 & Yr10 students finish at 2:35pm)

Wednesday

Tutorial	8.55 am – 9.25 am
Period 1	9.25 am – 10.20 am
Period 2	10.20 am – 11.15 am
BREAK	11.15 am – 11.35 am
Period 3	11.35 am – 12.30 pm
LUNCH	12.30 pm – 1.25 pm
Period 4	1.25 pm – 2.25 pm
Period 5	2.25 pm – 3.25 pm
Registration	3.25 pm – 3.35 pm

