

27<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I do hope all members of the school community have had a restful break and are looking forward to the new academic year. I am of course excited to be sending my first correspondence as the Headteacher of OPGS after some excellent summer examination results. I am now thrilled to be welcoming students back into school across the week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

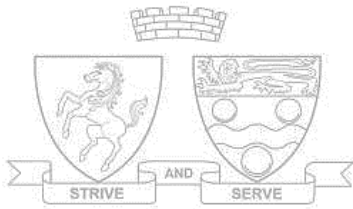
The staggered start is a well-established approach in our school. A reminder that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September are staff INSET days. The return for the rest of the school is as follows:

Year 7	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	08:30 arrival
Year 12	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	08:40 arrival
Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	08:30 start – form as normal

Student timetables will be sent to their email accounts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. You will find helpful information relating to the school uniform on the school website: [Oakwood Park Grammar School - School Uniform \(opgs.org\)](http://Oakwood Park Grammar School - School Uniform (opgs.org)) When purchasing school shoes, please note that trainer style shoes are not permitted. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form also have a set dress code which must be adhered to. In addition, the Parents Association sell pre-loved uniform at a discounted rate. They can be contacted via email: [chair@opgs.org.uk](mailto:chair@opgs.org.uk) Students beginning Year 11, 12 and 13 upon return to school are also likely to have been set summer work. This would be to support retention of key material or to recap and go over important subject matter. Please do speak with your child if they are in these year groups about this work to ensure they have completed it before returning to school.

This is also a good opportunity to make all parents and carers aware of the key staff in relation to their child's year group.

Year 7	Mr Keeling-Jones Director of Study	Mr Martin Deputy Headteacher
Year 8	Mrs Stamp Director of Study	Mrs Ryan Assistant Headteacher



Year 9	Mrs Hillier Director of Study/Assistant Headteacher	Mr Martin Deputy Headteacher
Year 10	Mr Devonald Director of Study	Ms Bevan Deputy Headteacher
Year 11	Mr Smith Director of Study	Ms Bevan Deputy Headteacher
Year 12	Mr Mayes Director of Study	Ms Hern Director of 6 <sup>th</sup> Form
Year 13	Mrs Williams Director of Study	Ms Hern Director of 6 <sup>th</sup> Form

If you need to contact any of the above, please do so via [office@opgs.org](mailto:office@opgs.org).

It is also now statutory that we direct parents and carers towards our behaviour policy on an annual basis. Behaviour and attitudes are a real strength within our school community and the work that we do around the behaviour curriculum ensures that students know what is expected of them in this area. You can view the policy here: [Behaviour Policy](#)

Whilst the summer holidays offer a chance to relax and unwind after the rigour and challenges of the academic year, it is important to acknowledge that for some students and families this can be a difficult time. Therefore, if any issues have arisen over the period of school closure, we would strongly encourage anyone affected to speak to their Director of Study or where appropriate, the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ms Bevan.

Finally, I wish everyone a restful final few days before the school year commences. I am incredibly proud of the OPGS community and excited to lead the school into the new academic year and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. Craig  
Headteacher

