

8<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

This week we have welcomed our Year 7 students back to school after what we hope was a wonderful break! Starting secondary school is an opportunity to make a fresh start and develop new life-long friendships. It has been a week where students have adjusted to high expectations, new routines and early starts!

It has also been very busy and tiring, but it has been lovely to see their smiles, chatter and excitement. The future looks positive at Birkenhead Park School.

**Learning Habit: Attendance** 

I unapologetically write about attendance in almost every letter, as it remains crucial to improving the life chances of the children of Birkenhead. It is important for parents and carers to be aware that there is a clear link between attendance and student outcomes at school. The school's expectation is that students attend 100% of the time. There is no reason for children who attend Birkenhead Park School to attend less than their peers at other schools across the country. Your child will compete against these other students to gain the best GCSEs possible, and the surest way to undermine your own child's success is to allow them to take time off. Thank you for working with us to secure 100% attendance for your child.

## **SEND Family Drop in**

Following the success of our previous family drop in events, I am delighted to share that we have scheduled the following dates for families to drop in and speak to our school SENCO, Mrs Canham. Everyone is welcome, we simply ask that you contact Mrs Dixon at the email address below to book in so that we can plan to accommodate the relevant number of families.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 8:30am – 2:30pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 8:30am – 2:30pm

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As always, thank you for your support. I hope you have a great weekend, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Peter Mee Head of School





