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Parents' Key Information for our Return in September

This newsletter contains:

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- **Uniform and basic equipment expectations**
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- **Attendance Overview**
- **Staff moving on**

Dear Parent / Carer,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a range of key information that you may need for your child's return to school in September. We will also be sending out a full end of term parental update tomorrow (Thursday).

Return in September

All students in Years 7 to 11 will return to school on Tuesday 5th September.

Students will return as follows:

Year 7 start at 8.40am

Year 8 start at 8.40am

Year 9 start at 10.10am

Year 10 start at 10.10am

Year 11 start at 11.30am

Students will spend time with their form tutor, receive their new timetables and receive an assembly before lessons take place Periods 4 and 5. A reminder that details of all of our calendar / term dates are available on our website: <https://wernethschool.com/termdates>. We will provide a parental calendar with key dates within the terms for parents (parents' consultation evenings etc) in September.

Uniform and basic equipment

Our uniform rationale strives to prepare young people for the world of work by raising standards of presentation in a consistent approach across the school.

The School Uniform

- Black official Werneth School blazer with school logo
- Official Werneth School tie
- Official Red Jumper with school logo (OPTIONAL GARMENT)

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- Official Black 2.5” stitch-down knife pleated skirt
- Black tailored trousers
- White school shirt, either long or short sleeved
- Plain black socks (not trainer socks or ankle style sports socks) or plain black tights
- Plain black slip-on or lace up **shoes (no trainers, sport’s branded footwear, pumps or boots)** Please be aware that we do not accept sports branded shoes. These brands include Adidas, Nike (including Nike Airforce), Puma, Reebok, New Balance, Umbro, Mallets, Fila. (This is not an exhaustive list) .
- **School bag**, the bag needs to be large enough to hold an A4 file.

Please note: Plain clothing should not contain visible badges, writing or insignia; Trousers and skirts should not be constructed from denim, linen or canvas.

Hair styles should be appropriate for a business setting:

- Hair accessories (alice bands, hair slides etc.) should be small black or red;
- Hair dyed in bright colours is not permissible;
- Patterns or lines shaved into hair is not permissible;
- Head scarves can be worn but should be plain black (no logos, embroidery, fringing or beading) and should be secured with a safety pin.

Jewellery/nails are restricted to:

- One pair of small plain silver or gold studs (no hooped, coloured or diamante earrings), no more than one stud in each ear;
- Watches are permitted but will be asked to be removed for examinations;
- One small silver or gold bracelet.
- One small silver or gold ring;
- NO FACIAL PIERCINGS
- False nails of any description are not permissible (including gel and acrylic nails).
- Nail varnish is not permissible unless clear or nude colour

Students are always offered replacement uniform if they are missing items. Failure towards wearing the correct uniform will lead to Seclusion. In addition persistent uniform infringements will lead to a parental contract to ensure future compliance with uniform rules. Parents/Carers are requested to provide a written note explaining why uniform rules are being impinged where necessary.

More information regarding uniform can be found [here](#).

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Equipment: A reminder that every student in school should bring the following basic equipment with them to school every day: Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Rubber, Scientific Calculator

Year Teams 2023/24 academic year:

	Year Achievement Leader	Year Inclusion Manager	Senior Leader link
Year 7	Mrs H Massey	Mrs T Taylor	Mrs H Massey
Year 8	Miss C Carr	Ms J McIntyre	Mrs J Dee
Year 9	Mr Z Bennett	Mrs M Lewis	Mr J Hague
Year 10	Mr J Foulkes	Miss S Rutherford	Mrs L Taylor
Year 11	Mr M Mujagic	Mrs K Phenix	Mrs G Kennedy

Photographs: As usual, we will be taking individual school photographs for all Year 7 and Year 10 students. These will take place in school on **Monday 11th September**. Our Year 11 panoramic photograph will be taken on the same day. Parents will be able to buy these photographs if you wish.

Attendance and Punctuality - Mrs Hall, Attendance Lead: A reminder that we take attendance and punctuality seriously at Werneth School. Guidelines make it very clear the irreparable damage absence from school has on a child's life chances: If a child's attendance falls below the 90% guideline for persistent absence then this equates to 20 days absence from school ... 100 lessons missed and the equivalent of one academic year of English, maths or science lessons. Parents may not be aware of the cumulative effect of the absence.

When your child returns in September, within the first few days, their attendance record will be 100% - please work with us to make sure this is sustained. **Our attendance team will be available at school from Tuesday 22nd August should you need any support with your child's return. Please see the website for contact details and guidance on our procedures [Attendance Webpage](#)** Many thanks again for your support and have a wonderful summer break.

Staff Leaving

Staff moving on elsewhere is part of the journey of any school and the end of term is always a time to say goodbye to some of our colleagues. We have over 140 staff at Werneth School, so it's always a large and evolving team. I would like to thank the following members of staff, and wish them well for the future. All positions have been filled for September and I will introduce you to new staff at the start of term.

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Leaving for promotions elsewhere in Greater Manchester are Mr Brighton, Head of Science, and Mrs Aspinall, Head of Year 9 and Food Technology teacher. Mrs Edge in Mathematics moves to a new school in Derbyshire and teachers Mrs Rowland (English) and Ms Francis (French/Spanish) are also moving elsewhere. Miss Grendon, Literacy intervention lead, starts a new career training to become a teacher.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support this year, and wish you a happy and relaxing summer break.

I wish you and your family a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer break. See you on the 5th September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Conroy
Headteacher