

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we draw closer to the end of the academic year, we would like to draw your attention to some key information ready for September.

Return to School

Wednesday 3 September - Year 7 and Year 11 ONLY

We will welcome back students in Year 7 and Year 11 on Wednesday 3 September. Students should arrive at Tutor Rooms by 8:40am and should be in full school uniform, PE kit will not be required. For both year groups, the school photographer will be in.

Year 7 parents please check with your child that they had biometrics taken for the canteen on their transition day and please put money on their Gateway account if they would like food from the canteen. If your child's biometrics have not been done they will need a packed lunch and we will do their biometrics on the first day.

Thursday 4 September - All Years

We will welcome all years from Thursday 4 September. Students should arrive punctually at Tutor Rooms by 8:40am. They should be in full uniform (as outlined below) and Years 7, 8 and 11 will need their PE kit as they will be in full, timetabled lessons from Period 2 onwards. For Years 8, 9 and 10 the school photographer will be in.

Year 7 will have football trials after school and will also need their PE kit for this should they wish to try out.

Equipment

As lessons start from the first day, please ensure your child has all the equipment they need to participate fully. This includes a stocked pencil case, PE kit and fully charged iPad (with stylus) enrolled on the MDM (Y8-11).

Smartphones

In a strengthening of our current policy on smartphones from September 2025 students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will not be allowed to bring smartphones or smartwatches to Bohunt Wokingham. We are increasingly concerned by the significant and emerging risks associated with younger children having

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smartphones and social media. Further details around our policy on this can be found [here](#). Smartphones will be classified as a 'prohibited item' and will be confiscated for later collection by parents at the end of each half term. All other non-smartphones (please see the website for details) must be switched off and kept in students' bags from the moment students arrive on school site until they leave school site. We strongly believe that enabling students to enjoy seven hours of complete freedom from smartphones each day, including on the way to and from school, will be hugely beneficial for their wellbeing.

We understand that this policy might require an adjustment for parents, and we want to support families as much as we can with this transition. If you need to contact your child during the school day, you can do so via our school reception. If you would like to be able to contact your child on their journey to and from school, or to check their whereabouts, we suggest the purchase of a cheap non-smartphone (a basic 'brick' phone) without access to the internet, WhatsApp and social media. For location monitoring, parents are also able to attach trackers to these phones, such as AirTags or SmartTags. Additionally, parents can track the location of their children's school iPads using the 'Find My' system.

Although non-smart/'brick' phones are significantly cheaper than smartphones (costing around £20) we can support the purchase of a new handset in cases of financial hardship, please just get in touch. Additionally, if your child will still be using a smartphone outside of school, they can swap SIM cards between handsets when they get home from school, removing any extra expense of requiring multiple SIM cards/contracts.

Please also find a link to our [Frequently Asked questions](#) on our Smartphone policy

Uniform

A list of our full uniform requirements can be found on our website. The key details are outlined below. The Senior Leadership Team will have the ultimate authority in determining whether uniform items comply with the policy.

- *Blazer* - Bottle green blazer with Bohunt school logo. This should be worn by all students at all times.
- *Polo shirt* - White with green stripe on the collar and cuff, with the Bohunt school logo (Y7 & 8 only).
- *White shirt* - Plain white collared shirt **with** house tie (compulsory Y9 - Y11).
- *Jumper* - Black knit V-neck jumper (optional). Sweatshirts and hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated if seen on the school site.
- *Skirt* - Black pleated skirt with Bohunt logo. Unrolled.
- *Socks* - Plain black or grey.
- *Shoes* - Plain black formal leather shoes. No sports branded / style shoes, no trainers, no boots.
- *Make up* - This should be discrete; neutral colours only. Acrylic/False nails are not permitted. Nails should be of an appropriate length to participate in lessons. No eyebrow slits.
- *Haircuts* - Extreme styles or non-natural colours are not permitted (e.g. tram lines or patterns - grade 2+ only permitted).
- *Jewellery* - One small plain ring. No more than one small matching stud in each earlobe. Earrings must be removed for PE and STEM. No other piercings are allowed. No visible chains, necklaces, ankle or face jewellery.

This policy will apply from their first day in September so I ask families to pay particular attention to rules around haircuts, jewellery and nails. We will be checking uniforms and we expect students to meet our high expectations. In the unlikely event they are unable to, we will use the school policy accordingly which will involve being removed from lessons until they are able to correct their uniform. Therefore, if there is a legitimate reason why your child is unable to attend in full uniform, please notify their tutor before the start of term so we can work with you to rectify this swiftly.

When students are in our uniform, we expect them to uphold our ethos of Enjoy Respect Achieve. We take pride in the way we present ourselves in our community and appreciate your support in ensuring your child understands their part in this, as set out in the Home School Agreement.

Attendance

There has always been a strong link between student attendance and their outcomes. National data shows that an attendance rate of 90%, or 19 days missed from school, reduces the chance of passing English and Maths at Grade 4 to just 36%. This is because 300 minutes of learning are lost per fortnight. We therefore welcome your support in ensuring your child attends school on time, every day. We know that every family's circumstances are different, so if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please let us know (via studybugs) so we can work with you to provide the best education for your child.

Co-Curricular

Co-Curricular activities will start from the week commencing Tuesday 9 September. A range of unparalleled opportunities will be available Tuesday to Friday each week, for our students to participate in. The schedule for this will be shared with parents on Friday 5th September.

Sixth Form

Over the Summer Bohunt Wokingham Sixth will continue to be built. These Brand new, premium facilities include a wide range of independent study spaces, a café, a lecture theatre and a common room, all for exclusive use by our sixth form students. With over 200 of our Year 10 cohort taking part in our taster day, we pride ourselves on knowing our students and being able to offer personalised support for the transition from GCSE to A level. We look forward to how this progresses over the year.

Travel

As part of the aforementioned building work, school staff will be allocated priority parking in the row of spaces closest to the school within the leisure centre car park. This arrangement will restrict the number of spaces available in this area for parent use and we ask that parents do not use these spaces. If staff are unable to park, this will affect the smooth running of the school and could negatively impact the high quality education we strive to consistently provide. If possible, we encourage you to consider the following alternatives to driving:

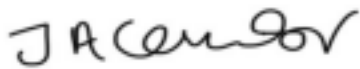
- Walking or cycling to school where feasible
- Public transport options such as Reading buses
- Lift sharing arrangements with other families

We are aware that many of our students travel to school by themselves. Please can I take this opportunity to remind them to make use of public highways and not 'cut-throughs' on their way to school.

I would like to finish by saying 'thank you' for your support during this academic year. The final term is often filled with highlights like the school show, game-changer week and the festival of sport. They always remind me of what a game-changing community of students and parents we serve. I'd also like to thank those parents who have extended their well wishes to me. Mr Bibby has been spending time in school getting to know our students, staff and parents and I am confident that he will continue to create game-changers in my absence.

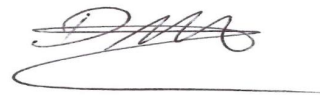
I hope you enjoy the Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year.

Kind regards



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Headteacher



David Bibby

Interim Headteacher