



Start of term info for ALL parent/carers

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable summer holiday, and feel refreshed and ready for the start of a new academic year at Bohunt Worthing. We would like to welcome new families who are joining Bohunt this year, and we look forward to helping our Year 7 cohort settle into their first term in secondary school.

We had a fantastic results day last week celebrating excellent results that marked the climax of four years of hard work by the whole community. We are really proud of the achievements of our Y11 and you can read further details and headline figures at latest news on our website [here](#). We also have much to learn from our exam experience as staff, students and parents and are looking forward to implementing further improvements to the learning, teaching and wider school experience this year.

Monday 2nd September is an Inset day with no students in attendance. The start of term for **Year 7 and 11** students will be **Tuesday 3rd September** who are expected in for an 8:40 start. **Year 8, 9 and 10's** first day is **Wednesday 4th September** at 8:40. There will be signs up around the school to help guide students to any new tutor bases. We also have a two week timetable this year and have coded it with week A and week B tutors, signs around the school will help students with these organisational steps, as will the school calendar available to all on the website.

We are really excited to be expanding our extracurricular offer this year and work putting it together has continued over the holidays. Students will be able to attend a taster event on Friday 13th September and Friday 20th September is an Inset day. This will then allow us to manage enrolment for activities etc. and publish it in good time for the official start on Friday 27th September 1:40 – 3:00. As promised no child has to leave school at 1:40 on a Friday and we will be in touch very quickly after the start of term to find out which parents want their child to stay and be supervised from the first Friday – please look out for this information and reply ASAP.

As always, we have the highest expectations for all students, we would be grateful if all parents could ensure that their child is dressed in the correct uniform. To ensure the start of term is as positive as possible, please take the time to look through the following reminders regarding uniform, equipment and behaviour expectations:

- **Blazers:** will be mandatory again in September, no hoodies or sweatshirts should be worn to, from or in school. Outdoor coats may be worn over blazers when outdoors and for journeys to and from school.
- **Shoes:** plain black shoes only, not trainers, we have been informed by parents that several supermarkets are displaying black trainers in their 'school shoes' sections, please be aware that these will not be permitted.
- **Hair:** extreme styles or unnatural colours are not permitted, e.g. tram lines, or any shaving of hair below a grade 2 is not permitted.
- **Jewellery:** any jewellery must be unobtrusive. One small plain ring, no more than one small matching stud in each earlobe. No other piercings are allowed. No visible chains or necklaces, and ankle/face jewellery.
- **Make-up:** make-up should be discreet; neutral colours only. Nail varnish – discreet colours only. False nails of any type are not allowed in school.

- Equipment: please make sure your child has a pencil case, including pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener, protractor, scientific calculator, coloured pencils and a compass.
- iPads: please ensure these are charged, in a case and have a screen protector on them (screen protectors and cases are mandatory), your child will also need a pair of headphones to accompany the iPad. We recommend a portable USB battery charger is also carried in case charge runs out during the day.

The right tone and environment for Learning:

Please support the school in upholding the following key rules:

- Chewing gum is not allowed in school at all as it gets stuck on furniture, carpets and clothes. Students with chewing gum will have an after school Friday community service detention.
- Sweets and fizzy/energy drinks are not allowed in school they will be confiscated and disposed of. Please reinforce with your child that they should not be consumed before school either.
- Phones – these should not be seen or heard, students bring phones into school at their own risk. They should be turned off and any daytime communication with home should be managed through the school office. Phones that are out or go off during the school day will be confiscated. In the first instance they can be collected from the school office at the end of the day but parents will be asked to come and collect them after that.
- If your child reports that an incident that concerns you has occurred in school please do contact us and keep an open mind until all sides of the matter have been investigate and discussed

Only the following groups of students need to bring their PE kit for Tuesday 3rd September – Year 7 tutor groups of Mrs Phillips (7DPH) and Mr Le Gac (7VLE).

On Wednesday the following groups will need their PE kit – All of Y11 have Games, and those Y8s in Mr Chapman (8KCH, formerly 7HRO), Y8s in Mrs Todorovic's (8JTO) tutor group have PE.

Can I please remind parents we ask that students are dropped off away from school and then walk in to improve both local congestion and their health. Parking on site is very limited. Whilst we allow parents to drop off at the front, circle and leave in the mornings, pick up at the end of the day needs to be off site (unless there are special circumstances) to avoid congestion on the Broadwater Road. Northbrook MET have also requested that parents do not drop off or pick up in the part of Carnegie Road by the traffic lights as this causes serious congestion for them. Suggested drop off points can be found on our school website at this link: <http://www.bohuntworthing.com/parents/transport/>

Year 7 students will start their first day in the hall and staff will be waiting to greet and guide them when the day begins. No Year 7 student needs an iPad for the first couple of weeks. We will be in touch shortly to confirm details for iPad handout and an opportunity for Year 7 parents to formally meet tutors will be on Wednesday 11th September. We would like to invite our parents/carers of Year 7 and any other new students to visit the school at the end of the day on either Thursday 5th or Friday 6th September. Your child can show you round their new school, and whilst this is not a formal time to meet staff, it is a great way to see how your child has settled in their first week at Bohunt and we look forward to seeing many of you on your way around.

Our school photographer, Smile Photography will be in on Thursday 5th September to take photos of all students for our school records; all parents will have the opportunity to purchase these should they wish.

I hope this information proves useful and I look forward to welcoming your well rested children back to school next week.

Kind regards,

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