

11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Families

I wanted to thank you for your continued support over the past half term. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work of all our students over the past term. To continue to support our students with maximising their learning, I have provided an update and reminder below about our learning habits and positive behaviour system so that you can speak your child about them over the break to support them to have a great start to next term.

### Our 5 learning habits

Our learning habits help to ensure students are ready to learn and that they are learning and focusing in all lessons:

- Punctuality and attendance – (100% of the time)
- Perfect uniform – (100% of the time)
- Equipment for learning – (100% of the time)
- On task – (100% of the time)
- Polite response (100% of the time)

Below provides you with some key messages and updates about our learning habits:

### Punctuality and attendance

In line with our learning habit of punctuality and attendance, it is important that students attend school **every day** and that they **are on site by 08.15** at the latest so that they can line-up with their form tutor for a positive start to their school day. Any student who is late to school or to lessons will receive a same day 30-minute detention.

### Perfect Uniform

School uniform helps to promote equality, prepare students for the world of work, reduce bullying and allows pupils to concentrate on their learning.

- Blazer (with logo)
- School Tie (Year Group Colour)
- Plain Black Shoes (no trainers)
- Plain Black Trousers or Skirt
- Plain Black or Grey socks
- School Bag

### Equipment for learning

Having the correct equipment, ensures students are ready to learn. For each lesson students will need:

- A black or blue pen
- A pencil
- A rubber
- A ruler
- A planner
- A reading book for Year 7, 8 and 9 students – either from our library or from home

Students will also need their PE kit on the day(s) they do PE.

Students can buy equipment from the main office from 08.00am and the first 10 minutes of their breaktime.

CEO: Shirley Watson

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## **On task and polite response**

These two learning habits are about students being on task in their lessons and around the school to ensure that we maintain a respectful, safe learning environment for all where everyone can enjoy their learning. Teachers recognise students' positive behaviour through awarding Attitude to Learning grades which you can view on ClassCharts. It is important for the safety and education for all that students follow teachers' instructions and, where this does not happen, a 30-minute detention will be issued.

## **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones must not be taken out in school. If parents want their child to bring a phone to school for safety reasons, they must be switched off before students enter the school building and kept in bags (we cannot accept any responsibility for lost or stolen possessions). If you need to contact your child, in the case of an emergency or to relay important information, please contact the school reception. If a member of staff sees a mobile phone, it will be confiscated and will be kept until the end of the day. If a phone is confiscated for the third time it will be kept until a parent / carer collects it.

## **Celebrating positive behaviour**

As well as awarding students Attitude to Learning grades on ClassCharts, we also celebrate and recognise positive behaviour through public appreciations during collective times and through celebration assemblies. We also hold recognition events throughout the year to recognise our students.

## **Detentions**

Where teachers issue a detention, students will sit the detention on the same day. Where this is issued after 12 noon, the detention will be sat the next day. Where more than one detention is issued on a day, students will sit up to a maximum of 60 minutes. If a student misses a detention, families will be contacted, and they will sit this the next day.

## **Class Charts**

A reminder to families that you need to download ClassCharts as this is the main method communication about detentions and Attitude to Learning grades. Please go to our website [Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Home Learning - Class Charts](#) and the download guides are on the right of the page. Alternatively, you can contact the school and we would be happy to help you with this.

We hope you have a restful break; a reminder that during the first week back the school is closed Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

We look forward to seeing all students Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April by 08.15 at the latest.

Yours faithfully,



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