



TERM 3 PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

April 2023 - July 2023

Term 3 - Sports

Update from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2022/23.

I would like to thank you all for your support this year. Education is a partnership between students, parents/carers and the school team. Your engagement with the school has helped us to provide the necessary support for your child. As a result of this partnership the behaviour and attitude to learning displayed by the vast majority of our students is positive and a credit to parents/carers and families. On Friday morning we will recognise students' achievements in our Celebration Assemblies and when we return in September, students who have achieved their rewards stamps and have an excellent behaviour record, will go on the Rewards Trip to Flamingo Land.

The end of the academic year means we are saying goodbye to our Year 11 students and a number of our colleagues. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well for their future.

We have a full staff team in place for September 2023 and I am looking forward to working with our current and new colleagues to further strengthen the education One In a Million Free School delivers.

Our high expectations of behaviour, attitude and appearance will continue in September 2023.

A voucher has been issued for each student, to support families buy all the branded uniform items: Blazer, Tie, PE Track Pants, PE T-shirt, PE Top, for the new academic year. On your child's first day in school, they will be provided with all the relevant equipment they need for learning.

Students in **Year 7 and 11** must attend school from **Monday 4th September 2023**.
School will be open to students from 7:45am.

All students must attend school from **Tuesday 5th September 2023**.
School will be open to students from 7:45am.

GCSE Exam Results:

School will be open for students to collect their results between 9:30 - 12pm.

You will be aware that we had our Section 5 Ofsted Inspection in June. The report will be shared shortly with parents and carers.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to working with you next year.

Yours Faithfully



Mrs J Hobbs
Principal

Year Group Messages

Message for Year 7

It has been an honour and a privilege to welcome Year 7 to secondary school and to One in a Million Free School.

I know every single member of the year group has grown and developed in incredible ways. Whether it be the mastering of new skills or subject knowledge or gaining maturity and learning about themselves and the world. I am proud of everyone's unique growth.

I will reflect fondly on memories of students:

- showing compassion to their peers during the school day
- displaying integrity as they make positive (but not always easy) choices in class
- being honest about needing help
- striving for excellence inside & outside of school

It is with enormous sadness that I say goodbye to Year 7 and One in a Million, in pursuit of an exciting opportunity.

However I leave confident that every individual in Year 7 is capable of incredible things and has huge potential that I sincerely hope they achieve or exceed in the future.

Very best wishes and thank you

Miss Brassington
Head of Year 7

Message for Year 8

It has been an absolute pleasure to be your Head of year this academic year.

You always make me extremely proud in the way you live by the school's four values:

Honesty - even in difficult situations

Integrity - always doing the right thing even when nobody's watching

Excellence - striving to be the best version of yourself and being proud of your work

Compassion - always looking out for each other sharing respect and kindness, and making everyone feel a part of the year 8 family we have created.

You have all grown and developed as individuals this year and really begun to mature into young adults. Including mastering new skills, subject knowledge or just learning more about yourself and the world we live in.

Next year is another huge step in your journey here at One In A Million Free School as you start to consider your GCSE options. Whatever happens I am always here to support and advise on anything that you need. I will continue to follow your development through school with the hope that you all reach or exceed your potential.

I hope you have a restful summer, spending time with family and friends, creating lots of memories. Please stay safe.

Take care and thank you again.

Mr Kaine
Head of Year 8

Message for Year 9

Hello Year 9,

We've made it!

As the academic year ends I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done and thank you. You are now at the end of Year 9 and your time as KS3 students.

We now look forward to a well earned summer break, where we can all relax and enjoy the sunshine and being with friends and family.

When we return in September we will be in KS4 and Year 10! It is the start of our GCSE journey and the exciting start to your option subjects.

I wish you all a restful summer break, creating memories and keeping each other safe. See you soon.

Mr Stokes
Head of Year 9

Message for Year 10

Hello Year 10,

Well done, we've made it!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all and wish you all a lovely summer break. This year you have all worked hard in your GCSE subjects. Year 11 will come and go in the blink of an eye and will take a lot of hard work, commitment and dedication. I will be there every step of the way, as will every member of staff to support you through the year.

The hard work really does start from September so please take this summer break to rest and spend quality time with those closest to you.

I am delighted that I will be with you through Year 11 and will be on hand to offer support, advice and guidance.

Have an amazing summer, make memories but most importantly, stay safe.

Mr Stokes
Head of Year 10

Looking back over Summer Term

Student Leadership

The third term Student Council team has focused on whole school events including 'This is Me Day' and Sports Day. They have also been planning for next academic year focusing on promoting our Values Champions and school rewards.

Student Leaders who were involved in the 'Fix our Food' research project being led by The Food Foundation have been invited to Parliament in November 2023 for the next stage of the project.

The Year 10 boys football team celebrated their season success by having lunch at the University Of Bradford Stadium, which included a pitch side walk and photos in the stadium.

Values Champion

Values Champions were awarded for this term. Students are wearing their badges with pride and enjoying the use of the 'queue jumping' in the canteen.

Enrichment

This term's enrichment timetable has included: Jiu-Jitsu, Mindfulness, Archery, First Aid, Cricket and Computer Gaming.

As part of our connected curriculum, KS3 students were involved in a drop down Arts Day. The day included a number of workshops run by the Kala Sangam Project. The workshops allowed students to build confidence, communication and teamwork skills whilst being creative and expressive.

On 12th July 12 girls from Yr 9 and Yr 10 attended the first Girls in Sport Event at Bradford College. 96 girls from 5 schools across Bradford were in attendance. The event was delivered to increase girls' awareness and interest in careers in sport. The girls took part in 5 activity sessions led by coaches from a number of sporting settings; Bradford Bulls, Yorkshire Cricket, West Riding CFA. The girls also had the privilege of listening to some guest speakers including Harleen Kaur.

On Monday 3rd July we had our whole school 'The is Me Day', previously known as Culture day. The student council team were greatly influential with the plans for the day, which focused on South Asia, Africa and Britain. Each lesson involved a number of activities and refreshments throughout the day were chosen by the student council including different types of tea from around the world, scones and lunch included Indian cuisine.

Flags were hung in the atrium that represented our students' nationality. The day also included a number of students speaking within assemblies about their culture and heritage. Feedback detailed the day was a fantastic day of learning, trying new activities and focusing on the importance of diversity, tolerance and respect for all.

House System

Students have been involved in a number of house competitions including; Languages House Quiz, Year 7 Boys Football, Year 8 Boys Football, History Bingo.

The house winner for this academic year will be announced during celebration assemblies on the last day of term.

Careers

Yr 9 and Yr 10 students were involved in the Careers Fair on 4th July. The students had the opportunity to network with 16 local, national and international businesses. All students took an independent and active approach, engaging in conversations with representatives of the businesses. Feedback from business attendees and students was extremely positive.

Yr 10 students engaged in a virtual work experience between 4th July - 6th July. Students accessed 'The Forage', which has over 200 virtual work experience programmes to complete. Some students also engaged with Barclays Life Skills, the website has access to virtual work experience activities, information about sectors and employability skills.

Three Yr 10 students were successful applicants for the KPMG Future Leaders technology programme for girls. The programme was a 3-day programme; one virtual day and two days in person at the KPMG office based in Leeds. Throughout the three days the students heard from exciting speakers, discovered more about tech careers, learnt about KPMG and met women in the tech field. All 3 students really enjoyed the opportunity and all recommended the opportunity for students next year.

E-Safety

At One In A Million Free School, we appreciate that E-Safety is an important part of keeping children safe. We have security measures in place in school, which are constantly monitored, to help safeguard students from any potential online dangers. E- Safety is taught to all students explaining and demonstrating how to stay safe and behave appropriately online. However, One In A Million Free School can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you as parent/carers to ensure the e-Safety message is consistent. **Your help is needed.** Talk to your children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online.

Actions may help safeguard your children online include:

- Install parental control software which allows you to limit sensitive information you don't want your child sharing (e.g., name, age, phone number).
- Make sure your browser is set to take advantage of built-in security and safety features - Look under "Tools," then "Internet Options."
- Turn on all the filtering and security features in your computer's search engine.
- Set high security and privacy settings with browsers, memberships, and social networking sites.
- Install and maintain Internet security software on all devices.
- Always read app/site ratings before allowing your children to visit/download.
- Check your browser's history to see which sites your children are visiting and how often.
- Limit younger children's online chatting, even within the friendly interface of a favourite game or club site. As they get older, introduce the concept of chatting with people they know.
- Make sure the computer or device your child uses is within your view, in a shared family space like the kitchen or living room.
- Teach your children to tell a parent/carer, teacher, or trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable about anything they've seen online.
- Always reinforce that your child needs to ask your permission before talking to anyone new online.
- Ask your child not to download files (e.g., music, games, screensavers, ring tones), make online purchases, or install software or apps without your permission.
- Talk about protecting private information and never sharing passwords with friends.

Uniform

All our students in Year 7 to 11 are expected to wear the approved school uniform. A high standard of work and behaviour is expected from all our students and we believe these are helped by also having high standards of appearance.

All items of school uniform are worn conventionally and we expect parents/carers to support our reasonable requirements. We operate uniform checks each morning to ensure our students uphold our high standards with regard to the dress code and to check on essential items for a successful school day. If the correct uniform isn't being worn, students will be asked to change into school owned alternatives or they may be sent home to change.

Non uniform coats, hoodies or footwear should be removed before students enter the building and stored in their locker.

BOYS - Examples of appropriate trousers and footwear

Plain black unbranded

Plain black slim belt is allowed



Shoes - Plain black leather or leather-look school shoes with no logos or brand names.



GIRLS - Examples of appropriate trousers and footwear

Tailored black fitted trousers



Shoes - Plain black leather or leather-look school shoes with no logos or brand names.



Safeguarding and Support

As a school we aim to provide a safe environment for our students to learn in. We want to make sure that our students remain safe, at home as well as within school. If you need to talk, we are here to listen. If you are worried about something you can talk to a member of staff in school.

Our safeguarding team are:

Miss Woodcock – Safeguarding Lead
Mr Gallagher – Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Hobbs – Safeguarding Deputy

Numbers to contact if required during the holidays:

Childline: 0800 1111
First Response: 0800 952 1181
Mind In Bradford: 0800 1884 884

Useful Info

British Gas

British gas is now providing grants for people who need help with their energy bills, even non customers.

Fuel voucher codes are also available if people can't afford to top up their metre.

Telephone 0121 348 7797

<https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/>

Assisted Purchase Scheme

The Assisted Purchase Scheme is a low cost solution for people to buy essential items such as beds, electric cookers, fridge freezers, sofas, microwaves and washing machines.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/assisted-purchase-scheme/>