



July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. Following the disruption of the past 2 years it is fantastic to get back to a more normal existence in school. I know it has not been plain sailing for students, staff and parents but I believe we have all done our best! This academic year has seen many successes, a number of which will be included in our upcoming newsletter. This letter is to inform you of the most important information for the end of the academic year and the start of the next. We also hope you are finding the weekly parent news update email useful. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like included in it. Finally, if you would like to stay in touch with the school, please download our Frog app as well as the Studybugs app to let us know if your child is unwell. More information is available on our website at www.finhampark2.co.uk.

1. Last Day of Term Arrangements

On Thursday 21st July, students will have normal lessons period 1 & 2. From 11:30am students will participate in their end of Year College Celebration assembly as well as have the opportunity for Mentor Time activities to end the year on a high! All students will be dismissed from school at **12:30pm**.

2. Start Dates for the New Academic Year

Monday 5th September - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 6th September - Staff Training Day

Wednesday 7th September – **All students arrive for 8:40am:**

- Year 7 to The Refectory
- Year 12 to the 6th Form Centre
- All other year groups to mentor rooms

3. Important dates for the first half term

12 th September	OOSHL begins
12 th September	Year 7 & 10 photos
22 nd September	Meet the Mentor for all year groups (online)
29 th September	Open Evening, school finishes at 12:30pm
6 th October	Year 11 GCSE Aiming for Success Information
20 th October	Year 9 GCSE Information
21 st October	End of Autumn half term

4. Holidays during term time

A polite reminder to parents/carers: we do not authorise holidays during term time as it can have a **serious detrimental effect** on your child's education- especially considering the amount of time they were off school this year.

5. Attendance

As you will already know, we ask parents/ carers to use the Studybugs app to report any student absences from school. If you haven't already downloaded the app, please register using the link here:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



6. Changes to classes and mentor groups for next year

Every new academic year gives us a great opportunity to review our current mentor groups and classes and make any necessary changes. There are a variety of reasons for students to move but any decision will always be taken in the best interest of your child's education.

7. Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students continue to look exceptionally smart in school. We also continue to receive praise from the community on how smart Finham Park 2 students are on the way to and from school. As way of a reminder, please can you ensure your child wears:

- Black, sensible school **shoes**, with *black sole* (no coloured stitching or logos) – trainers, pumps or boots are not suitable for school, neither are heels.
- Black or grey **socks** (also white socks for girls) – coloured/patterned socks are not suitable.
- Plain black, grey or flesh coloured **tights** – patterned tights are not suitable for school.
- Plain 'School Grey' **trousers** suitable for school – fashion trousers – jean style, 'skinny' or stretch materials are not suitable for school.
- OR plain grey *knee-length* pleated **skirt** – fashion skirts – tight, short or very long skirts are not suitable.
- Plain white school **shirt**, buttoned at the neck – long or short sleeved.
- Navy and gold clip-on **tie** with college colour.
- Navy school **jumper**/tank-top with single gold stripe around neck.
- Navy **blazer** with Finham Park Logo – must be wore to school every day; this may be removed in lessons without staff permission.
- Suitable outdoor **coat** – tracksuit tops, hooded tops, leather or denim jackets are not suitable for school.
- No **hats** can be worn on school site apart from navy blue Finham Park Hats with logo.
- Only one pair of stud earrings can be worn in ears and **one small ring** is allowed – large items of **jewellery** or other piercings are not suitable for school (any nose piercings should have a clear stud this is not visible or be covered with a plaster)
- Year 10 & 11 girls – *discreet* **make-up**. No nail varnish or false nails are allowed.
- **Headscarves** should be black or dark blue.
- Only small hairclips / hairbands are allowed. No coloured or extreme hairstyles, including tram lines or very short **hair (nothing shorter than a number 2)**.
- All students need a suitable bag with all necessary **equipment** to ensure they are ready to learn (pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, sharpener, calculator, planner, and reading book).

The school is happy to support students in wearing items which relate to culture or religion. It will be appreciated that there cannot be endless discussions about dress, and *the school's decision on whether appearance is appropriate for school or not must be the final one*. Students whose appearance is not appropriate for school may be sent home and asked to change. If students/parents are in doubt about what is suitable school wear they should consult the school website or speak to the school office or your child's mentor or college leader.

Finally, I would like to remind you that chewing gum is not allowed on site.

We would both like to thank parents/carers for your continued support, and hope you have a great summer.

Yours sincerely,

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