



TO CARE
TO LEARN
TO ACHIEVE

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to the school. What is achieved here on a daily basis is testament to the hard work and commitment from our students and staff.

Our students have responded incredibly well to the demands of this academic year and have demonstrated the qualities that will enable them to continue to grow as successful and well-rounded young individuals. As we reach the end of our first year of celebrating and nurturing the SPIRIT virtues of Strive, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, Independence and Tolerance, many of our students have earned bronze, silver and gold badges in the six virtues. Please praise your child for their achievement and encourage them to wear their badges next year, as (much like the Blue Peter badge!) their SPIRIT badges could earn them rewards in the future.

As a school, we will continue to promote and demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the highest standards for all our students. From September we ask for your ongoing support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, is punctual to class and that their uniform and attitude to learning remains at a high standard, each and every day.

Furthermore, I would like to thank our staff for their 100% commitment to our students. They want the best for every student and work exceptionally hard every day to uphold our school values of 'To Care, To Learn, To Achieve'.

Last day arrangements

School will close for students at **1.40pm on Friday 22nd July 2022** for the Summer break. If the early finish is likely to cause a problem for you, we are able to arrange supervision of students until 2.40pm. Please advise your child's form tutor, in advance, should you require this supervision for your child.

The 991 and 992 buses will run at 1.40pm for students who use these services.

Preparing for September

It is important that our students enjoy a well-earned break during the summer holidays. Equally, we believe that some time should be dedicated to study, especially towards the end of the break so that students can make the best possible start in September. As such, our staff have set study tasks for our students to complete over the summer, details of which can be found on the FROG learning platform.

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This is of particular importance for Y10 students who are about to embark on their final year with us and for Y9 students who will start their GCSE courses in September. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child completes this important work.

September arrangements

When	Year group	Start time	Finish time
Tuesday 6 th	7	8.30am	3.05pm
Wednesday 7 th	7,8,9,10	8.30am	3.05pm
Wednesday 7 th	11	8.30am	4.00pm

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students into school at 8.30am on **Tuesday 6th September**.

All other year groups will return to school on **Wednesday 7th September** at the usual start time of 8.30am. I wrote to you last half term to advise that – in line with the Government’s White Paper - the new school day will finish at 3.05pm (apart from the 2.15pm finish on every alternate Wednesday).

In preparation for their next stage into college, apprenticeships and employment, our Y11 students will finish school at 4pm from the start of next term.

Finally, I wish you and your families a pleasant, safe and restful summer break and I look forward to working with you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P McCaffery

Headteacher