

Queensbury School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our year at Queensbury School, it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, update you on some changes and look forward to a successful 2019/2020. Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support for the school. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and have been really pleased with the support you have shown through attendance at Parents' Evenings, KS3 Celebration Evening and Transition Day for the new Year 7 students. All have been extremely well-attended.

Of course, it is the time in the year when we sadly say goodbye to some colleagues. This year, two staff members are leaving us – Ms Marsha Webbe and Mr David Wilkes. We will miss them and thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the school. We wish them every success in the future. We welcome back one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Michelle Parsons-Woodley, from maternity leave and wish another one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Tallis Collins, best wishes during her maternity leave. Additionally, good luck to Mrs Claire Wilkinson (previously our Lab Science Technician), who will soon find out if she has been successful in becoming a newly qualified Teacher.

We are welcoming some new staff;

- Ms Farzana Imran – Teacher
- Ms Katherine Higgins – Teacher
- Mr Stewart Barr – Building Services Manager
- Ms Katie Hodgson – Teaching Assistant (maternity cover)
- Ms Silvia Mezza – Teaching Assistant (maternity cover)
- Ms Yvonne Cole – Lunchtime Supervisor
- Mrs Thembelani Sibanda – Lunchtime Supervisor

We are thrilled that they are joining Queensbury School and know they are all going to be a valuable asset to our staff team.



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I would also like to thank the IEB Governing Body and all staff for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school, their efforts to ensure students have a safe and stable school environment, and for making Queensbury the wonderful school that it is today.

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to confirm arrangements with you and procedures to start the new School year in September 2019.

Examination Results

Results day is **Thursday, 22nd August 2019** and school will be open from **9.30am – 11.00am**. Results will be available for collection from the Dining Hall. Unfortunately, we are unable to give results out by telephone.

Start of Autumn Term 2019

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF SEPTEMBER START DATE

At the start of the Autumn Term, there will be **2 x Staff Training Days – Monday, 2nd September 2019 and Tuesday, 3rd September 2019.**

The first day of term for **all students**, therefore, is **Wednesday, 4th September 2019.**

In September, parents will receive a welcome back letter, which will include a list of important dates for the year. This will also be available on the School website. The School term dates and training days are as follows:

Autumn Term 2019:

<u>Training Day for Staff:</u>	Monday, 2 nd September 2019
<u>Training Day for Staff:</u>	Tuesday, 3 rd September 2019
Term commences	Wednesday, 4th September 2019
Term ends:	Thursday, 24 th October 2019
<u>Training Day for Staff:</u>	Friday, 25 th October 2019



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Half Term:

Term commences Monday, 4th November 2019
Term ends: Friday, 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020:

Training Day for Staff:

Monday, 6th January 2020
Tuesday, 7th January 2020
Term ends: Friday, 14th February 2020

Half Term:

Training Day for Staff:

Monday 24th February 2020
Tuesday, 25th February 2020
Term ends: Friday, 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020:

Training Day for Staff:

Monday, 20th April 2020
Monday, 21st April 2020
Friday, 8th May 2020 – School Closed
Term ends: Friday 22nd May 2020

Half Term:

Term commences Monday, 1st June 2020
Term ends: Friday, 17th July 2020

Aggregated Training Day for Staff: Monday, 20th July 2020

School Uniform

The school is committed to a formal uniform and expects students to be smart in appearance at all times. This can be purchased from any retailer for example, ASDA, TESCO, Marks & Spencer. Additionally, by accessing the site www.myclothing.com you can choose the school emblem. We ask that students wear the following:



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UNIFORM

Navy jersey/sweatshirt (red jersey/sweatshirt for 6th Form)
Blue/white shirt or Polo shirt
Navy/Black trousers or skirts
Grey/Navy/Black socks
Dark shoes/trainers
Navy Blue fleece jacket or blazer

PE KIT

Navy or White polo or t-shirt
Navy, Black or White shorts
Navy socks
Trainers (no restriction on colour)

MAKEUP AND JEWELLERY

- Jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of an inexpensive watch (NOT a 'Smart watch'), ring and a small plain earring (stud) in each ear. Students will be required to remove items of jewellery for some practical lessons
- Other forms of piercing are not allowed and students will be asked to remove them
- Students wearing excessive makeup or colourful nail varnish/false/acrylic/fibre glass/gel nails will be asked to remove it/them

INAPPROPRIATE UNIFORM – students wearing inappropriate uniform are expected to rectify it immediately. If this is not possible, the school will provide an alternative in the short term whilst the issue is resolved and a text will be sent home. If the student continues to wear inappropriate uniform, then a note will be sent home with the student reminding parents/carers of the appropriate School wear.

Mobile Phones

These are not permitted in school and we suggest these valuable items are left at home.

Attendance Reminder

Thank you to those parents who follow the School's procedure and telephone the School to notify us about absence. Where parents choose to use this facility, written communication afterwards will not be necessary.



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Stationary and Pencil cases

We encourage our students to be as independent as possible and therefore expect them to be suitably equipped for lessons, bringing with them a pen, pencil and ruler.

School Meals

Please be aware that from September, the price of a school meal will be **£2.70 per day**.

Finally, I thank you again for your continued support. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back into school on **Wednesday, 4th September 2019**.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Wilson

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