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23 August 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming students back next week for another year.

This summer we are celebrating with students a record breaking set of results, after an incredibly rigorous series of GCSE exams. Almost a quarter of all entries achieved a top 9 - 7 (A* - A) grade. Early indications are that the headline progress 8 measure has again increased, having already been Above Average in 2018. We are not only extremely proud of our students for these best ever results, but also for what this fantastic group of young people contributed to our community during their time at West Exe.

Information for the start of term

Just to confirm, we are welcoming back students from Years 7 and Year 11 only **on Wednesday 4 September 2019** at 0840. Year 8, 9 & 10 will be starting at 0840 on **Thursday 5 September 2019**.

Timetables, planners and Knowledge Books will be issued to students by the Tutors on their first day back. They will not need their PE kit for their first day.

School photos for year 7 and 11 will be on Thursday and Friday 5 and 6 September.

On Thursday 5 September, as part of their induction back to School, all year groups will have team building activities planned. They will need to bring a change of footwear (trainers) for this and for students wearing skirts, they will need to bring a pair of shorts that they can put on underneath their skirt.

We recommend that Year 7s bring a packed lunch for the first day whilst we induct the students in the use of the cashless system. Packed lunches will be provided for Year 7 students eligible for free school meals.

School Day

The school day will remain as last year, including break times. Tutor time begins promptly at 0840 and a warning bell will sound at 0835. Students need to arrive at West Exe with full uniform and equipped for the day ahead.

Uniform

Students at West Exe are regularly complimented for being smart and they should be proud of this. We are very excited to see the students return to school wearing their new school uniform in September.

Any new uniform you have opted to have delivered to school can be collected from main reception on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September from 10.00-2.00pm. We are aware, although most students have received their uniform successfully, some parents may have experienced difficulties regarding ties and skirts. Therefore we have arranged for Price and Buckland to be with us on Tuesday, 3 September between 12 and 5pm to help with any returns or queries you may have regarding your orders.

In the unlikely event your child has still not received the correct uniform by the end of the day on Tuesday, 3 September please contact your Head of Year who will provide support to rectify this as quickly as possible. In the meantime, if you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Chloe Fox, chloe.fox@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Rewards

Rewarding students' achievements is at the heart of our Behaviour Policy at West Exe School. We regularly celebrate the success of all students in a variety of ways, as we recognise that focussing on success and positive outcomes is essential to developing a positive culture and ethos.



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On a day to day basis, merits are used by staff to reward positive behaviour and these are given through ClassCharts. When students reach significant merit milestones they receive merit badges. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum badges are given to students achieving over 100, 200, 400 & 800 merits. A Headteacher's Commendation is awarded for students achieving 1000 merits.

For those who have demonstrated exceptional achievement, either in school or as part of an extra-curricular activity, a Headteacher Award Certificate and pen are given to students. A letter is also sent home to inform parents about the Award.

Rewards, Reflection and Reset Policy

The behaviour policy will continue as last year with a new set of simplified high expectations at its heart. If anyone has any questions regarding the policy please do not hesitate to contact Simon Weir, simon.weir@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Form Tutors and Heads of Year

Form Tutors and Heads of Year offer a good first point of call; however, all staff email addresses can be found on line or in student planners. It is expected that you will receive a reply to any query within a maximum of 2 working days. If this does not happen, please let me know so we can follow up.

Nicky Lewis	Head of Year 7	nicky.lewis@westexe.devon.sch.uk
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Charlotte Froom	Head of Year 9	charlotte.froom@westexe.devon.sch.uk
Hugh O'Shea	Head of Year 10	hugh.oshea@westexe.devon.sch.uk
Paul Fidler	Head of Year 11	paul.fidler@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Parents group

The Parents Group last met on Wednesday 12 June. Thank you to all those involved with the group. The next meeting is Thursday 26 September 2019 at 6pm. If you are interested in attending the meetings and being a part of this group then please do contact Chloe Fox at chloe.fox@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Key Info

Attached to this letter you will find key information about this coming year.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back for what we expect to be another excellent year at West Exe School.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or suggestions for future communications please do let me know via headteacher@westexe.devon.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Rutherford
Headteacher