



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of term reflection and information for September

I wanted to write to you as we approach the end of term to express my appreciation for your support of our transition events and also to share some additional information about my priorities and goals for your child as a part of the new Y7 cohort at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy.

Despite so many students joining us for transition and many also planning to attend the Summer School, September still marks a huge change and will feel daunting for a lot of students and parents, particularly in light of so much disruption and uncertainty to their education for the last 18 months. If you were able to join our virtual Intake Evening on the 13 July, you already have a lot of the detail of our expectations for how the school day will run. I want to build on this by explaining how I intend to work with you and your child to maximise their progress and achievement from their very first day in Y7 in September.

My Role

My job is to ensure your child is ready to learn. I'll support them in every way that I need to so as to make sure they are in all of their lessons, working hard and with the right attitude and behaviour to succeed. For this to happen, I'll closely monitor all aspects of their day-to-day in school and use information such as their attendance, progress in subjects, behaviour in and out of lessons, and information from their teachers to intervene where necessary.

Your Role

The transition from primary to secondary is another huge step for you all as a family, and I want us to work together, in partnership, to make sure your child has every opportunity to achieve well. I've mentioned these before, but as a reminder, please work with me by ensuring the following:

1. Make sure your child comes to school every day;
2. Do all you can to make sure they behave excellently and meet the school's expectations;
3. Insist that they work hard: every day, in every lesson.

I, along with the whole Y7 team will communicate regularly with you, and ask that you do the same so we can build an open and supportive relationship with the single aim of securing success for your child.

What I'm asking of every student in Y7

When I have met with the students during their transition days, I've been very clear in what they can expect from me and what I'm looking for in their behaviour, attitude and effort towards learning at Heanor Gate.

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They have been introduced to our Y7 motto: Be Ready – Be Respectful – Be Safe – a motto that underpins everything we ask of them in school. I am constantly on the lookout for how we can celebrate the successes of students who display readiness, respectfulness and safety, however, I've also made it clear to the students how serious it will be should they make the wrong choices in school. You and your child can expect me to deal with poor or unsafe behaviour very quickly and seriously to make sure that we avoid wasting precious learning time and perhaps most importantly, to make sure that other students feel secure and happy in their learning.

Between now and September, please continue to check and engage with the messages and activities posted on our Google Classroom page. As ever, should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Mrs Wainwright.

Have a lovely break, and I will see you all in September.

Yours sincerely

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