



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

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

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of term reflection & information for September

This week sees the end of Year 7's first academic year and the start of our summer break. As an Achievement Team we could not be prouder of them. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your support throughout this year. Year 7, now formally Year 8, have made such a fantastic start in particular considering they have experienced some of the most change coming to a new school. Seeing them develop this year has been a real privilege.

We are fully planned and prepared for their return in September after their well-earned break, and we look forward to picking up from where we left off. Year 8 students return for their in-school testing on Tuesday 7 September and have their first full school day on Wednesday 8 September. Moving forwards towards September some FAQs:-

What time does our normal school day start and finish?

Time	Event	Notes
08.45	Deadline for students to be on site	
08.50	Tutor time	E Block
09.10	Period 1	
10.10	Period 2	
11.10	Morning break	New gym - Y7 and 8
11.25	Period 3	
12.25	Period 4 a	Lunch for Y8 and 10 (Hall)
12.55	Period 4 b	Lesson
13.25	Period 4 c	Lesson
13.55	Period 5	
14.55	End of the school day	

What time is our break and lunch time?

Break time for Year 8 students will be from 11.10-11.25 in the new gym and lunch will be from 12.25-12.55.

Who should I contact if I have a question?

For general queries regarding student progress across the curriculum, please contact either of us or their tutor. If you have questions regarding particular subjects then please get in touch with the subject teacher.

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When/where should students go if they need help?

It is inevitable that some students may need support when returning to school in September but as usual the Achievement Team and the tutors will be around before and during the registration period every morning to support the students to get back into a school routine and ease any of the worries they may have. Both of us will also be available before and after the school day in the E block Achievement Team office and at break and lunch time for students who need us.

Key standards and expectations

Expectations will be the same as they have been previously for students. We ask that our students are ready, respectful and responsible at school.

Ready

- Students need to be fully equipped for the school day (pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, reading book, white board and white board pen)
- Students need to ensure that they are in correct school uniform - this can be found on the school website (e.g. School skirts must be just above the knee and not a stretchy material, shirts tucked in and no extreme haircuts)

Respectful

- Students should be kind and courteous to their peers and staff members creating a 'culture of kindness' within the school.
- Students should be respectful of others' learning and take ownership over their own, showing engagement in the classroom.

Responsible

- Students should ensure they complete their work with pride and to the best of their ability. They should conduct themselves appropriately around the school site.
- Students should ensure they have an attendance of 97% where possible - especially as a large amount of time has been spent learning from home this year. Whilst the majority of students have worked extremely hard during this time it does not beat the value of face-to-face teaching in a classroom and they need to ensure they are in school now unless there are good reasons not to be. Please help us to achieve this by encouraging and insisting that your child attends every day.

We would like to end by thanking you for your continued support in helping us to maintain these high standards. We wish you and all our students a good summer holiday and a well-deserved break, keep safe and see you in September!

Yours sincerely



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