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2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear families,

As the summer holidays are coming to an end, and your child will no doubt be extremely excited about the start of the academic year, their very first at Chestnut Grove, we take this opportunity to remind you that the first day of school for Year 7 students is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The school gate will be open from 8.20am, and students will line up in their tutor groups ready for assembly at 8.45am. We have planned plenty of time for students to get to know the school, their tutors, and their new classmates as well as experience their first lessons.

At the end of the day, students will be dismissed at 3.10pm. Tutors and members of staff will be on hand to guide students to the tube station, train station and bus stations on Balham High Road.

If you are dropping off or collecting your child, please be mindful of the public footpaths and make space for our local community – waiting on the other side of Chestnut Grove, or further down the path would be very helpful.

## School Uniform

By now, you will have purchased a school uniform for your child, and students will be expected to be wearing full school uniform on Wednesday morning. Please consider labelling items of clothing beforehand!

Students not wearing full school uniform will be asked to remain in reception whilst we make contact with home. Full details of our uniform expectations are available on the <u>school website</u> but some key reminders are that blazers and ties must be worn with top buttons done up and shirts tucked in. Students should not be in trainers and any summer holiday adornments such as temporary hair braids and bracelets need to be removed before returning to school. We also remind you that false eyelashes, false nails and nose piercings are not permitted and that students may only wear a single pair of stud earrings, no greater than 4mm width. Illicit jewellery and clothing will be confiscated and can be retained by the teacher until the end of the half term before being collected by the student. Only in exceptional circumstances will the office be willing to loan spare uniform to students.

We ask that you support us by reminding your child of the importance of meeting our expectations and rules regarding school uniform: looking smart, being ready for learning and part of the Chestnut Grove Community.

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