



## ABBEY PARK SCHOOL

19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **APS Newsletter Term 6**

The end of the term has culminated in some fantastic events at Abbey Park. The summer music concert and the talent show allowed pupils to display their abundant creativity and skills. It was also good to be able to run our rewards ceremony again where we celebrated the academic success of pupils throughout the year. My congratulations go to S. Omar who, having received numerous nominations, was awarded our new APS Proud shield. This was well-deserved as her achievements displayed the full range of attributes from Abbey Park Proud.

In early July we held a successful three days of induction for our new cohort of Year 7 for September. The pupils immersed themselves in a range of lessons and activities and showed they are ready to start secondary school. I am pleased that we have yet another full cohort of 240 pupils, as we move towards full capacity. At this time of the year we say goodbye to staff who have made the decision to move to new posts, roles, retirement or have decided to change career direction. We say farewell to the following staff and welcome a number of new staff to Abbey Park, some of whom have already begun their work here ready for September.

Staff leaving	New Staff
Miss Stacey – Maths	Mr Maddern – Assistant Principal
Mrs Bristow – Maths	Miss Verlander - English
Mrs Waller – English	Mrs Blackmore – Maths
Mrs Balabela – Business Studies	Mr Simpson – Maths
Mrs Coles – Humanities	Mr Beacham – Maths
Mr Glassock - PE	Mr Maggs – PE
Mrs Baker – Administration Team	Ms Donnelly - Humanities
Mrs Dams – Cover supervisor	



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### **The new academic year 2022-23**

The academic year for 2022-23 begins for pupils on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a staggered start which is outlined below:

**Year7** Pupils are required in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September by 8.40am ready for an 8.45 start. Pupils will have two sessions with their tutor and normal lessons will begin Lesson 3 of the day.

**Years 8, 9, 10, 11** are required in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September ready for a 10.15am start. Pupils will have a tutor session and normal lessons will begin Lesson 3 of the day.

### **Attendance**

Attendance at school is essential for your child's academic and social development and therefore it is our expectation that pupils attend school, unless there is a valid reason for absence. This is explained in our attendance policy which can be found on the school website. Pupils should aim for at least 97% attendance. An attendance of 90% is not good and means a child will have missed 4 whole school weeks. Over 5 years this would mean a child would miss half a school year. Attendance below 90% is considered persistent absence and will mean close monitoring by the pastoral team, possible involvement of the Education Welfare Officer and possible prosecution.

### **Uniform**

Having a high standard of personal appearance is of the utmost importance at Abbey Park and this also goes for PE Kit. In September we will expect all pupils to be in full uniform. If a pupil arrives to school in incorrect uniform this will be managed during registration and may mean parents are contacted to remedy the situation and ensure their child is in correct uniform for the day. The list of uniform expectations, including for PE, are outlined below for your reference.

- Black Blazer with Abbey Park School Logo
- Tie - black with gold stripes
- Optional black v-neck jumper with Abbey Park School Logo
- White Shirt
- Black trousers/appropriate knee-length black skirt/black tailored shorts
- Black shoes (no trainers or daps)



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We expect all pupils to have the following compulsory items to be able to participate in PE lesson:

### GIRLS

- APS Short sleeve training top
- APS Training short or Skort
- APS Full zip or half zip training top
- APS Socks

### BOYS

- APS short training sleeve training top
- APS Training shorts
- APS Pro tech reversible rugby shirt
- APS socks

Also long hair must be tied back and all Jewellery removed for health and safety reasons.

In addition to the compulsory list you may wish to also purchase some of the optional items. Pupils should only wear items listed above for PE lessons and are not permitted to wear other branded sports clothes. All items can be ordered through SWI Schoolwear at: [www.swischoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swischoolwear.co.uk). If you wish to see the items, please go to the Abbey Park website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for your continued support, particularly earlier in the year, through the challenging circumstances of the pandemic. We enjoy a very strong partnership with you which enables us to work with your children to ensure they progress well. I wish you all a restful and safe summer and look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Best wishes

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