



Heathcote School & Science College

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Dear Parent / Carer,



As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for continued support and commitment to the school. We have had an amazing year and we are so proud of everything that your children have achieved. We also hope that your child has had a wonderful year at Heathcote.

Looking ahead to September, I am very honoured and privileged to be taking on the role as the Headteacher. I look forward to meeting you at the upcoming school events in the new year. The first opportunity to meet with myself and the senior leadership team will be on our coffee afternoon on the Thursday 15th September where we will be outlining the year ahead, the key events and the vision for the school.



The school term for pupils starts on the Monday 5th September. On this day the pupils will return in staggered fashion, so that we can give our new year 7 and 12 pupils time to orient themselves in the building.



The start of term induction will consist of tutor time, team building activities, reading age and LASS tests, well-being interviews and assemblies.



The start of term timings will be as follows:

Year 7 - 8.35 - Whitehall gate

Year 12 - 8.35 - Sixth form gate

Year 8 - 9.35 - Front gate

Year 9 - 9.35 - Whitehall gate

Year 10 - 10.35 - Front gate

Year 11 - 11.35 - Sixth form entrance

Year 13 - 11.35 - Sixth form entrance



Please note that pupils do not need to prepare in any way for the reading age test and LASS tests this is just a way of the school establishing their current reading age and levels. Developing pupils literacy is a big focus for the school next year so these tests will help us identify our next steps to support them. The following further two tests will be conducted in the challenge weeks.



To support the school's drive on literacy, please find attached a useful link to the Summer reading challenge – which is run by the local libraries and encourages young people to access and read books.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



On Tuesday 6th September Year 7 and 12 will be having their school photographs taken, so please prepare them for this. The other year groups will have their new photos taken on the 11th November.

Please ensure that your child's parent mail account is topped up for the first day back as school food will be available.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing those pupils who have signed up to the summer school. Here is a link to the local summer activities if you require.

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/holiday-activities-waltham-forest>

If you do encounter any safeguarding issues over the summer and need further support you can contact MASHrequests@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 02084962310

Kind regards

Sonia Close