



# Brentside High School

## Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: The Year Ahead

I am writing to you as the Head of Year 7 to share how wonderfully your child(ren) have started their journey at Brentside High School. The students have settled into Year 7 exceptionally well, their uniform has been truly perfect, and their attitude to learning has been nothing short of excellent. I am thrilled to share that, collaboratively, Year 7 have already achieved over 5,000 merits. This is a fantastic testament to their hard work and positive approach to school life.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, please make note of the following important dates:

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| <b>Monday, 14 September</b>    | Year 7 school photographs                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday, 15 September</b>   | Early closure at 12:25 for Open Evening for new families                          |
| <b>Wednesday, 16 September</b> | Late start, with Year 7 arriving to school by 09:40                               |
| <b>Thursday, 1 October</b>     | Early closure from 12:25                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday, 6 October</b>      | Year 7 'Settling in Evening' for all Year 7 families (more information to follow) |
| <b>Thursday, 22 October</b>    | School closed for half term                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday, 3 November</b>     | School reopens for students to arrive no later than 08:40                         |

To provide more detail regarding our upcoming Year 7 'Settling in Evening' on Tuesday, 6 October, this event is designed for parents/carers, and their children to come into school together. It will be a valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's form tutor and go over important information for the year ahead to ensure that you and your child feel informed and supported moving forward. A letter will be sent out in due course with regards to the finer details surrounding this event. It is strongly recommended that all families attend the evening.

As a school, our aim is to ensure that every student feels safe and supported and enabling everyone to reach their full potential. We would also like to emphasise the importance of the partnership between home and school. Your support as parents/carers is invaluable and we look forward to working closely together over the next seven years into Sixth Form at Brentside High School. Open communication is essential and we encourage you to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or information that may help us to better support your child effectively. As part of this partnership, please be aware that a Home School Agreement is being given to students to bring home with them. We kindly ask that you read through this form, sign it, and ensure it is returned to your child's form tutor as soon as possible.

We are proud to offer a large amount of extra-curricular activities before school, at lunchtime, and after school for students, and these have already begun. More information about these clubs and activities will follow in tutor time, assemblies and on the school website in due course. We strongly encourage parents to support and encourage their children to get involved and join in with as many clubs as possible to make the most of their time with us.

To conclude, I want to reiterate how brilliantly Year 7 have started this academic year. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's success and happiness.

Yours faithfully,

C. Allen

Miss Allen  
Year Leader for Year 7