



Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. This feels like it has been a very fast half term and I apologise to the disruption to the education of your children caused by strikes and the late start due to the snow.

Despite the disruption, this has been a busy and packed half term. Look out for our newsletter this month which will highlight some of the fabulous activities that have taken place and join us in celebrating the achievements of all of our children. You can keep up to date with what's happening at school on our social media channels too. Just search for 'Blackburn Central High School' on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and hit that follow button when you find us!

The final examination period for Year 11 is approaching. Over the past term they have had several interventions, revision sessions, assemblies and guidance alongside their usual lessons to help to prepare them for the busy exam season. In addition, there are interventions that are taking place during the Easter holidays. All students who have been invited are aware and letters have been sent home. In addition, the ICT team have invited a group of year 10 students into school. All of these students have also been sent letters and given the relevant information.

The information below lists the areas we will be placing a particular emphasis on next term which all pupils will be expected to follow:

Uniform:

Our school uniform is non-negotiable. It promotes pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within the BCHS family, as well as showing respect towards our school and its values. Taking pride in your appearance is an important element of that sense of community and we want all students to feel part of this. We will therefore be tightening up on areas such as trainers and wrong uniform such as hoodies/coats, and those students who arrive without a tie or blazer. We will also be re-iterating our mobile phone policy.

Mobile Phones

We show respect for the lesson and each other by ensuring mobile phones are kept inside bags during lesson time and during the school day unless pupils are in the designated areas where

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mobile phones can be used at break and lunchtime. If mobile phones are seen in lessons, children will be reminded of the expectation. If phones continue to be used they will be taken off children and removed to the main office. The mobile phone will be kept in school until parents collect. The school has no responsibility for personal mobile phones.

Equipment and Organisation:

Part of the role of a school is to prepare students for the future and develop good young adults. A large part of this is handing the responsibility for organisation over to our students where it comes to managing their timetable and having the right equipment. These are key life skills, and it is important that we recognise those who are diligent, but also challenge those who are not.

Punctuality:

This has been much improved over the past half term however there are still a small minority who disrupt the start of lessons by being late. This will be a key focus area in the new term.

Attendance:

Nationally it has been recognised that attendance has not returned to the normal levels. There will be a whole school drive to continue working with families to really push this agenda because it is proven that attendance can be the biggest factor on academic achievement. Those who have an attendance less than 90% have a 43% chance of achieving 5 grades at 5+ including Math and English. Those with 100% have an 82% chance. Whilst we appreciate that some students have extenuating circumstances for low attendance it is important that we as a community work to improve it. Look out for our attendance newsletter which will also be circulated this month.

The actions above will begin straight after Easter. Children will attend assemblies where they will be reminded of these expectations.

Once again thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable break with your family over this Easter holiday. We will close the school today at 2.50pm. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th April for what we know will be a successful new term.

Please note Eid lunch will take place on the 25th April.

Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on the 25th April

Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on the 18th May.

Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to all our families.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Hussain
Headteacher