

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good summer. In September, as we look forward to another full and successful year, I would like to welcome you all back to SBE School and say a special welcome to all the families and colleagues who are joining us this year. As you may be aware, Mr Holmwood is now working across the 5 Dimensions Trust as Chief Education Officer and I am Headteacher. I am really excited to begin this new chapter and look forward to continuing to work within our fantastic school community next year.

Before the academic year begins, I wanted to share some of the key bits of information, that will also be shared with students at the start of the school year.

Start of the Year

We welcome back Year 7 and 12 on Tuesday 5 September at 8.25am.

We look forward to seeing all year groups in on Wednesday 6 September at 8.25am.

Building work

Over the holidays there has been an exceptional amount of work completed by our superb site team. We have a new roof on phase 3 of our building. In Phase 3, we also now have a dedicated pastoral section of the building, including our Year/Progress Leaders, Inclusion Room, Pause, Reflect and Progress room and our Wellbeing/Safeguarding team. These rooms are now located where MFL was previously. We are very proud of this provision as it has been designed to support excellent conduct around the building and further safeguard students.

Form Tutors and Form Rooms

There has been a great deal of work improving the school environment; there are several room changes, including form rooms. Please see the top of this letter for your child's form group and the attached sheet to find out their form room for next year.

Attendance

Mr Nash has attached his attendance letter to this email. Mr Nash would like to inform you of our systems around attendance, as we encourage all students to aim for 100% attendance. As part of this, I would also like to remind you that students should be at school for 8:25 and they finish at 15:10.

Uniform

It is always important to start the year with great uniform. If you would like to ask about our pre-loved uniform, please contact enquires@SBE5D.com. You will find attached the guidelines for uniform; we want our students to feel part of SBE School by wearing the correct uniform with pride.

Mobile Phones

We are a mobile phone free school. Phones should be switched off and left in bags. We feel our school community has improved since this rule has been put in place and it is great to see our students talking to each other rather than looking at a phone. Students are, however, now permitted to use mobile phones once they have left their last classroom of the day.

Toilets

In response to some really helpful feedback from students and parents, each year group will now have a specific year group set of toilets to use at break time. At lunch times, all the toilets in Phase 4 will remain open for students to use, this includes a new additional set of female toilets in Phase 4.

Communication

We love to hear from you and so we want to let you know our email addresses will change from September - we no longer have @sbeschool.org.uk but now have @SBE5D.com as the domain at the end of our email addresses. If you want to contact the school, we have made it clear by explaining who to contact in the attached communication guide. Please email your child's form tutor as the first point of contact.

We look forward to seeing you at our information evenings and have added the dates here for your diary. The information evenings will have two sittings starting at 17:00 and 18:00 and will last about 35-45 minutes.

- Y11 Wednesday 13 September
- Y12/13 Thursday 14 September
- Y9 Wednesday 20 September
- Y7 Thursday 21 September
- Y8 Thursday 11 January
- Y10 TBC

We hope that you find this information useful and would like to thank you in advance for the support that you give as families within our school community.

Yours Sincerely

Gareth McCluskey

Headteacher