

01 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a restful summer. We are looking forward to welcoming the students back to school and pleased to be doing this without the restrictions and constraints of the past two years.

Start of term

Year 7 and 12 students start on Tuesday 6 September. Year 7 parents have been informed about the arrangements for the first few days of school and, now that all places are confirmed, Year 12 parents will receive an update about the induction day and first week, via email tomorrow.

All other students return to school on Wednesday 7 September. At 8.25am, students should go straight to their tutor bases, checking rooms on posters displayed around school if they are unsure about locations. They will spend the first two hours with their tutors during which time their timetables will be issued. Significant changes take place to timetables over the holiday so we only open Class Charts at the start of term once all updates are completed. Students do not need to bring specific books or PE kit on Wednesday.

The Tour of Britain bike race is scheduled to come along New Road at 2.20pm on Friday. It would be lovely for all students to watch this event, but we cannot guarantee the safety of 1500 students and cyclists on such a narrow stretch of road. A rolling 30 minute road closure will be in operation and we have been assured that this will not affect the buses leaving the school site on time. Parents collecting students may wish to check the route and perhaps delay their collection time. We will look after any students who need to wait behind at the end of the day.

July 2022 Communication Survey

The feedback from the July survey was very useful. Thank you to those who completed it. As mentioned in a previous email, I am keen to host a parents' focus group to discuss, first hand, a range of aspects of our communication. This meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 11 October. Please email me directly (hkhan@klbschool.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

Key findings:

- Parents highlighted the need to check several platforms for updates and were concerned that this could result in key information being missed.
- 68% of parents who responded, preferred parents' evenings to be online, 20% prefer them in school and 12% had no preference.
- 39% prefer information evenings live on Teams followed by Q&A, 38% prefer a recorded presentation and 25% prefer these to take place in school.

Early action:

- Parents' evenings will remain online for 22/23.
- We are keen to welcome parents back into school. There are many parents who have never had the opportunity to come into the school their children attend every day. However, we also appreciate the ease of having presentations delivered online. Before each information evening, we will send out a quick form to check how many parents would like to come into school. If this is a viable number, we will host a live event and also provide a recording. If very few parents wish to come into school, we will host the presentation via Zoom or Teams and add a Q&A session to the end. This session will also be recorded.

- Key information will be sent via email only. Please do not reply to these emails. At the top of the email, we will direct you as to who to contact if you have further queries.
- Social media will be used to share good news stories, not key information. We plan to set up a KLB School Instagram and restart the school Twitter account. These stories will also feature in more detail in our monthly newsletter. The link to this will be emailed. We are considering a school Facebook page but would like to discuss this further with our focus group.
- We will only use Class Charts announcements for student reminders.
- Only in an emergency, such as sudden school closure, will we use all platforms.

Calendar and term dates

We are changing our website calendar and expect to have all key dates for 22/23 updated by the start of term. Please see the link below for term 1 key dates:

<https://klbschool.org.uk/events/month/2022-09/>

Please note the inset day on Friday 16 September.

Our term dates, aligned to Gloucestershire term dates, can be found here:

<https://klbschool.org.uk/our-school/term-dates/>

Uniform

May I take this opportunity to remind parents about the uniform email (also attached) I sent to all parents on 22 July? This was a reminder about our September expectations.

I look forward working with you and your children over the coming months.

Best wishes



Hannah Khan
Acting Headteacher