

Hercules

Centaurus

Aquila

Orion

Pegasus



Graham School

Building Character

Curiosity
 Gratitude
 Grit
 Optimism
 Self-Control
 Social Intelligence
 Zest

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware Graham School is moving on to one site, at Woodlands Drive. To support students make a positive transition all students will move to the upper school site on Monday, 26 June to complete the summer term. This will allow all students to become familiar with the site and will prevent students becoming apprehensive when returning in September.

To facilitate this move the school will be **closed** to students on **Friday, 23 June** so that furniture and resources can be moved to set up the classrooms ready for students on Monday.

There will be no changes to the start and end of the school day; however, the structure of the day is likely to change and I will be writing to you after the Easter holidays to confirm plans as we move forward.

We want this move to be very much a new beginning for the school. Staff are greatly relieved and very much looking forward to being in one place, thus reducing the pressure and stress that moving sites has caused over the past years. We want it to be a new beginning for students also. Our specific focus in the last months has been on raising expectations; this new beginning will be one which begins and ends with high expectations.

What will this look like?

High expectations of student appearance - perfect uniform

Please can you ensure that your son/daughter return to school after Easter in **full, correct uniform**. Uniform guidelines are available on the website.

High expectations of student conduct - good manners, polite and appropriate language

Students are already aware of the consequences of inappropriate behaviour, whether that is in lessons or at break or lunchtime. Students have served Reflection, fixed term exclusions, 6 students who have off-site provision, 4 managed moves and 6 students have been permanently excluded from Graham School in this academic year. Poor behaviour which impacts on the good order of the school or on the learning of students in the classroom will not be tolerated.

High expectation of student engagement in learning

Teachers work very hard to plan engaging lessons to support student learning. The expectation of students is that they will show grit and determination and take control of their own learning so that they make progress in line with the level of their capability - they do their best!

High expectation of student attendance

The weekly rewards for 100% attendance have had a positive impact on student attendance as students look forward to Friday to receive their reward. Like you, we do not want your son/daughter to fall behind in their learning and become discouraged because they are absent from school. We all want the best for them and being at school to learn will secure better outcomes for each student.

I am very aware that there has been a high level of supply teachers this term which impacts on the continuity of learning and the engagement of students. We currently have 3 members of staff on maternity leave and unfortunately staff who are ill. The staffing structure for next academic year has provision in it that will reduce the use of supply staff (should they be needed) going forward.

I trust you all have a good break over the holidays. **Students return to school on Monday, 24 April 2017.**

Yours faithfully



Helen McEvoy
Headteacher