



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you to share some important developments regarding the year ahead and some exciting changes we are making. First of all, though, I want to say how delighted I have been to welcome our new Year 7 students to the school and to welcome back all of our other students after the summer break. The whole-school community looks extremely smart and going to and from school they are fine ambassadors for Bishop Rawstorne.

Unlike previous years when we have sent out a start-of-year pack for students and parents in paper form, this year we will be doing this only for Years 7 and 11, and for Years 8, 9 and 10, the information for the start-of-year is available on the school website. This is to smooth our gradual transition towards being able to contact you and communicate with you on-line, predominantly through the Parent App, about which you will have heard from Mr Wood recently. A paperless communication process is not only efficient and quick, it helps us to make our contribution to global sustainability and ensure resources can be re-directed into teaching and learning away from administration. A broad range of information is available on the school website, such as news about homework, educational visits, parents' evenings, forthcoming school-based events and of course, you can contact us through the school website if you wish to do so.

For all of our students, this is a year of significant challenge, and will require resilience, focus and primarily excellent attendance if we are all to maintain our very high standards. Year 7 are already making a successful transition from primary to secondary school a reality and it has been great to see them settling in so well and quickly making new friends. Year 8 have an important year ahead as they make their option choices for GCSE shortly after Easter 2018 and we will be keeping you up to date with how that process will work nearer to that time. For Years 9 and 10, their GCSE courses have started this September and it is crucial that all of our students maintain the excellent start they have made so far. Classwork, homework, engagement and attitude will all contribute to progress and attainment, but to repeat what I briefly mentioned earlier, attendance can be a pathway to success or a severe barrier to learning if it is poor. For Year 11, it goes without saying that this is a crucial year with the GCSE exams only 7½ months away. This is a stressful time for all of our Year 11 students, but we are confident that with their willingness and positive attitude and with the support of all of our staff, we can look forward to outstanding outcomes.

Above all, we are a Christian community, and underpinned by our Christian values, we all develop, grow and are enhanced individually through working and living each day together, with a shared vision and direction. I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

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