

Ref: ACO/CHU

23rd July 2018



Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I thought it would be useful to update you with some key information for the new school year, starting in September.

End of this school year / start of next school year

School finishes for the summer on Tuesday 24th July at 12.30pm, and returns on Monday 3rd September. School buses have been booked for both days.

On 3rd September, there will be some initial time with form tutors, and then students will immediately be back into lessons on that day. We want to make a business-like start to the year. On this day, Year 7 students will arrive at 8.40am, along with senior students. All other students should arrive for 10am. School buses have been booked for the normal time at the start of the day, and any students from Years 8 to 11 who need to catch the school bus can do so, and will be accommodated in school until 10am.

Open Evening

Our Annual **Open Evening will be on Thursday 13th September**, the second week back after the summer holiday break. In order to prepare for this students will be finishing school at 2pm on this day. Buses have been booked for this time.

Uniform

A reminder that all students must have full uniform when we return in September. I intend to insist on tougher standards when we return. Full uniform means ties, red jumpers and plain black shoes. Shoes should be below the ankle bone and should be shoes, not trainers. If it looks like a trainer, it is a trainer! The school uniform is explained in detail on the school website under "School Life" tab. Have a look if you need a fuller explanation.

High Energy Drinks

Don't forget that *high energy drinks* should not be brought into school: they are unhelpful to learning and staff will confiscate them until the end of the school day if they are seen.

Timetables

Student groupings are reviewed at the end of each academic year to take account of student progress, staffing changes and alterations to the structure of the curriculum. It is normal at this stage of the year for changes to take place with form tutors and teachers / class groupings. Students will be issued with their new timetable on the day we return.

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Have any of your personal details changed? Email, contact numbers, address? We sometimes struggle to contact parents when details change. Please remember to contact our school office with any amendments to your contact details, you can email them to admin@wernethschool.com

School meals and ParentPay:

The school kitchen provides a wide range of meal options, drinks and snacks for students.

The best way to ensure that your child can access these is to ensure that your school ParentPay account is topped up to the level you wish to provide for your child. This can be done by putting credit on the "School meals for Werneth School" tab on your ParentPay account.

It is important that your ParentPay account is operational, as this is the process where all school trip money and events that require a financial contribution must be made.

If you need a reminder of either your ParentPay account details or your ParentPay password resetting, please contact the school office who will organise this for you. The same applies should you require further information or user guidance regarding ParentPay.

Key Dates for next year

Key dates for the next academic year can be found on the school website.

Farewell to staff:

Werneth is fully staffed for September 2018 and we have a number of new teachers joining us as ever. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of teachers and staff who will be leaving us at the end of the summer term, and wish them every success for the future. They are: Mrs Logan (Assistant Headteacher); Miss Riley and Mr Bateman (Geography); Miss Battle (English); Miss Burrows and Mr McQuiggin (Maths); Mr Ryan (Science); Mr Ryan (Languages); Mrs Nykorak and Mrs Clayton (Science technicians) and Mr Walker (Technical team).

Finally, I wish all families associated with the school a very pleasant summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone safe and back in school in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Conroy
Headteacher