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Dear parent/carer

We sincerely hope that you had a happy and restful summer with your children at home and that you managed to spend some precious time with your loved ones.

September has arrived so quickly it seems! Staff are in school today and tomorrow preparing for welcoming your children for the new term ahead. All students are due back in school on **Monday 5**** **September** for the start of the autumn term which is 7 weeks long.

We are having a staggered start so that the new year 7s can be on site with us for just over an hour before the other older students return. The timings for Monday are shown below. (Please note Tuesday onwards are normal timings for everyone).

8.40 a.m.

Year 7 – children should go to Wykham Theatre (where they went for transition day. They will have an assembly with Ms Thomas)

Year 12 – students should meet in the sixth form common room

10.00 a.m.

All other students (Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13) should arrive in school and go to their mentor rooms (if they have forgotten or don't know where they are going we will be there to support them).

We are keen to share with you a couple of key items before the term starts.

Firstly, our main focus for the autumn term is **attendance and punctuality**. If students are not in school they are not getting equitable access to the curriculum on offer. We will be holding same day detentions at breaktime for those students who arrive late to school. It is important that all students are through the gate by 8.40 a.m. so that they arrive in mentor time by 8.45 a.m.

Secondly, we are having a real drive on **homework** for all to ensure that we are providing opportunities for students to develop independence whilst enhancing, enriching and extending what we provide in the classroom. Please do let your child's mentor know if there are any barriers to them completing work at home so that we can put in support whenever it is needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you have any queries before term starts next week.

Yours sincerely

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