

13th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: End of Summer/Start of Autumn Term
Arrangements and other important updates.

My apologies for the length of this letter. However, it contains some important updates which I need to make you aware of including:

1. End of Summer Term Arrangements
2. Start of Autumn Term Arrangements
3. Paid School Meal Costs
4. Uniform Update
5. Mobile Telephone Policy Update

Firstly, though I would like to offer thanks to you for your ongoing support of the school. In particular, may I offer my thanks to all of those parents, with students in Y11 and Y13, who have been supporting their child during this current exam season. These young people deserve huge credit for the serious and determined way they have approached their important exams. I look forward to celebrating their success in the summer when they receive their examination results.

In general, it has been an absolute pleasure this term to be at the school, all of students have continued to work hard on their studies and have shown, each day, all of the school's values as they have done so. All of which is evidenced by the incredible 195,597 achievements issued to students, by staff, over the course of this school year so far. A number which outweighs those issued for poor conduct by a ratio of 8:1. A huge well done to all students for their incredible achievements this year

End of Autumn Term Arrangements

As the end of term, approaches, I write to confirm that **Tuesday 19th July** will be the last day of Summer term.

Please note this will be a half-day with students being dismissed, for the summer, at the following times:

Y7	12.00 PM	Twelvetrees Crescent Exit
Y8	12.00 PM	Main Student Gate Exit
Y9	12.10 PM	Twelvetrees Crescent Exit
Y10	12.10 PM	Main Student Gate Exit
Y12	12.00 PM	Main Reception

Those entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect a packed lunch at this time.

As is tradition, the last day of term will also be a non-uniform day in support of a charity. This term we will be raising funds in aid of the 13riverstrust.co.uk who raise money in support of those in need. Over the last few days will have been asking our young people, who intend to wear non-uniform, to donate to this important charity, if they haven't already done so they can do this by bringing in £2 and giving this to their tutor.

Please note that, while this is a non-uniform day, students should ensure that they are appropriately dressed for the school environment. Clothing which does not meet this expectation may result in students being sent home to change.

Start of Autumn Term Arrangements

Students will return to school from Monday 5th September 2022, as detailed below:

Date	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Monday 5 th September	Induction and lessons	No School	No School	Induction and lessons	No School	Induction and lessons	No School
Tuesday 6 th September	Induction and lessons	Induction and lessons	Induction and lessons	Arrive at 11am	Induction and lessons	Arrive at 11am	Induction and Lessons

If this poses any significant challenge to you, please contact Mr. Emin (eminm@bow-school.org.uk)

School Meals

As you will be aware, the school is committed to ensuring that students have access to high-quality, healthy food options every day. This includes access to a wide range of healthy, nutritious, and exciting hot and cold lunches, break time snacks and grab-and-go items. We also work with our catering provider to keep prices as low as possible while, at the same time, maintaining the highest quality of meals possible.

Currently the cost each paid school meal stands at £2.30, subsidized at 30p per meal by the school, meaning a charge to parents of £2.00.

Unfortunately, due to rising costs, our school catering provider has informed us that the price of a paid school meal will be rising to £2.63. While the school will continue to subsidize the cost of a meal, we are not in a position, at this time, to subsidize the full increase. This will mean that the cost of each paid school meal, to parents, will increase as detailed below.

	Paid Meal Cost	School Subsidy	Cost per meal to parents
Summer Term 2022	£2.30	30p	£2.00
From Sept 5th 2022	£2.63	48p	£2.15

We know that this increased cost comes at a difficult time and apologise for any difficulties this may cause. Please be assured we have worked hard, with our supplier, to keep the increase at the lowest possible level.

Free School Meal Eligibility

It may be useful, at this time, to check your eligibility for free school meals. Details of how to do so can be found at the websites below.:

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/school_finance_and_support/free_school_meals.aspx

Uniform

The summer break provides a good opportunity to stock up or refresh items of uniform. Details of the school's uniform can be found here:

- <https://khalaschoolwear.co.uk/school/bow-school/>

Please note that compulsory items of uniform are the school blazer, school jumper/cardigan, and school tie. Other items such as trousers, skirts or kameez can be purchased elsewhere but these must be grey in colour.

PE Kit

A reminder that students are allowed to wear PE Kit to school if they have PE during Pd1. This will be identifiable on their new timetable in September. Students are expected, in such cases, to have their uniform ready to change into following their lesson. Details of the school's PE uniform are to be found below:

<https://khalaschoolwear.co.uk/school/bow-school/>

Please note that the school PE kit is **Navy Blue** and that the branded school PE Jersey or T-Shirt are compulsory items of uniform.

Parents are free, however, to purchase PE shorts, tracksuit bottoms or PE leggings elsewhere but these should be navy blue also. Non navy blue items of sportswear are not acceptable.

Uniform Non-Compliance

As is published policy students arriving to school without correct items of uniform, including PE kit, will be sent home to change or get the item unless they have a signed note from you detailing the issue and when this will be resolved.

In such case the school will provide a grace period of up to 5 school days to rectify the issue.

Homework Planners

Existing parents will be aware that the school now uses Google Classroom to set and issue homework to students. As a result, and in the interest of sustainability, we will not be issuing students with a student planner in September. Students will, instead, be reissued with their google classroom logins which will also be sent to parents for you to be able to check homework.

Mobile Telephones

Please be reminded that the school's policy around mobile phones operates on a simple 'not seen, not heard' basis.

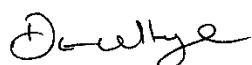
This means that students' phones should be switched off and stored safely during the school day. When students do not adhere to this expectation phones are confiscated and placed in the school safe for collection.

On occasion, this can be made difficult because parents choose to call or to take calls from their child during the school day.

While we understand that there are times when parents wish to get a message to their child calling in this way can be disruptive and cause unnecessary difficulties. School reception is more than willing to ensure messages are passed on to children. Please, therefore, use this route if you wish to communicate with your child during the school day. We appreciate your support with this matter.

With my thanks, and best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Yours Faithfully,



Mr. D Lye
Headteacher