

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,



Beamont Collegiate
Academy

Principal:

Mr P Greenhalgh
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As we come to the end of our first half term, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself properly as the new Principal of Beamont Collegiate Academy and to thank you for the warm welcome I have received from both the school community and our wider parent body.

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year, and I'm incredibly proud of how our students have returned with focus, positivity, and high aspirations. There is a real sense of momentum in the school, and I'd like to share a few highlights and updates as we look ahead to the rest of the term.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into the second half of the autumn term, we will continue to raise expectations, build on our successes, and keep students at the heart of everything we do. With your continued support, we will ensure Beamont Collegiate Academy remains a place where high standards, ambition, and opportunity define the student experience.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is currently in line with the national average. While this is encouraging, we know that every day in school matters, and we are committed to working together to improve this further. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends regularly and on time.

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

Upcoming Uniform Change: Girls' Tights Requirement

From Monday 10 November, at the start of the new half term, all girls will be expected to wear plain black tights as a compulsory part of the school uniform during half terms 2, 3, and 4. This rule will apply during the colder months of the year, helping us maintain our high standards while also ensuring students are dressed appropriately for the season.

This requirement will be lifted during the summer term (half terms 5 and 6), as well as the first half term in September (half term 1), when the weather is typically warmer and tights are not required.

We've made this adjustment for a number of reasons:

- **To maintain consistency and high expectations across the academy.**
- **To promote professionalism and pride in appearance, which contributes positively to the school's culture and learning environment.**
- **For seasonal practicality, as tights provide warmth and are a more appropriate option during the colder part of the year.**

We appreciate your support in helping students meet this updated expectation and ask that families ensure students return after the half term break with the appropriate uniform. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

School Jumper

Please be aware that we do currently have a grey 'v' neck pullover for students to wear in the winter months. It is an optional part of the uniform and students do not need to wear it but they are not allowed to wear any other jumper or hoodie during the school day. We will be consulting the new student council soon regarding this item as it is in much need of updating and perhaps in the next academic year we could move to a much nicer black 'v' neck that has on it the school logo, we will keep you posted on what the students decide.

Standards

Uniform standards across the academy have been excellent this term, and I'd like to thank both students and families for ensuring these high expectations are met. Wearing the correct uniform helps students feel part of our community and sets the tone for high standards in all aspects of school life.

A reminder that students are expected to bring the correct equipment every day – this includes a school bag, pen, pencil, ruler, and other necessary items for learning. Being properly equipped allows students to make the most of every lesson and contributes to a calm and focused learning environment.

PARENT CONSULTATION: PROPOSED CHANGE TO FRIDAY TIMINGS

As part of our ongoing efforts to support student wellbeing, consistency, and attendance, we are seeking your views on a proposed change to the structure of the school day on Fridays. Currently, our Friday timings differ from the rest of the week, with a later start and a shorter day. Over the past 18 months, we have seen a 2% drop in student attendance on Fridays, and we believe that the variation in routine may be contributing to this issue.

To address this, we are proposing that Friday's timings be brought in line with Monday to Thursday. We believe this will help students benefit from a more consistent daily routine, reduce confusion, and further support learning and punctuality across the week.

We are keen to hear your thoughts on this proposed change and whether you agree or disagree. Your feedback is important and will help us make a decision that best supports our students and their learning.

Please take a moment to complete our short consultation by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/krMnNAFZLh>

LEARNING, PROGRESS & ENRICHMENT

Across all year groups, we've seen strong participation in lessons and a clear commitment from students to engage in their learning. Staff have been impressed by students' focus and determination to make progress, and it's been a pleasure to see classrooms full of curiosity, effort, and ambition.

Outside of lessons, our enrichment programme continues to thrive. Highlights this half term include the launch of the Year 8 Rowing Club, the growing success of our Cadet Force, and the recent Boston and New York trip, which was a fantastic experience for all involved. Our students represented the academy with maturity and enthusiasm, and we are incredibly proud of the way they embraced this unique opportunity.

One student summed it up perfectly:

"It was an unforgettable experience – seeing new places, learning about different cultures, and making memories with friends I'll never forget."

A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make the trip possible, and to the families who supported it.

LUNCH TIME ARRANGEMENTS

Although this is not a huge change to our Academy life and does not really affect you as parent, I felt it was important for you to know that we will be moving to three lunches following the October break that will flow as follows:

Years 10 & 11 - 12.10 - 12.40

Year 7 - 12.40 - 13.10

Years 8 & 9 - 13.10 - 13.40

We believe that this model allows us to make lunch time a more pleasant experience and allows students to access more of our resources whilst also ensuring our Year 7s are looked after as they grow into the BCA way.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Warm regards.

Mr . P Greenhalgh.
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Year 10 Students on the recent Boston & New York Trip

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