



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the students of Year 9 to The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College and hope that they have had an enjoyable and restful Summer holiday.

In order to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of how you can best support your child over the forthcoming months, I wish to invite you to a **Year 9 Information Evening Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 6:00pm until 6.45pm.**

Please return the reply slip attached to this letter to Student Reception indicating whether or not you will be able to attend by no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The evening is designed for parents/carers, you do not need to attend with your child as they will be given all the relevant information throughout the year.

If you are unable to attend but wish to receive the information given out on the evening then please contact me via email or in person on the details provided at the end of this letter.

I am very pleased to introduce myself and the team of staff who will be supporting the progress of your child throughout the year.

#### Form Tutors

9.1	Miss Thomas
9.2	Miss Mayhook
9.3	Mrs Latchford
9.4	Mr Morrison
9.5	Mr Beckwith/Mr Abrey
9.6	Mr Read
9.7	Miss Richardson

#### School Uniform

I would like to remind you that The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College uniform and rules over appearance continue throughout your child's education with us. Our main task is to prepare students for the time beyond school and most specially to achieve good examination results and we do not want them to be distracted by issues concerning uniform and appearance. A copy of the current school rules and school dress can be located on pages 3 and 4 of the Student Planner. Please can you ensure that all uniform is clearly named, including PE kits and bags.

As well as the changes in uniform we have also further refined our expectations to support an even better ethos. All lessons will begin with students stood behind their desks, with equipment on the tables, ready for learning. Lesson will conclude in a similar fashion. We have reshaped our expectations around the concept of pride. PRIDE for the students represents: **P**reparation, **R**espect, **I**nclusion, **D**edication and **E**ngagement. Further details can be found in the Positive Behaviour Policy on the school website, we have talked through these expectations with students who, as ever, have responded very positively.

#### Punctuality, Attendance, Signing In And Out

Good attendance is vital. Research has shown that students whose attendance is 95% and above do significantly better in their final exams. Students with poor attendance also miss out on sporting and social activities. Where there is a genuine illness the school will work closely with families to ensure that students are up-to date with their work. In other cases we will offer support via the pastoral system or the Home School Attendance Officer. If this is unsuccessful we refer to the Education Welfare Service whom have the power to prosecute the parents of poor attenders.

Punctuality is a vital part of self-discipline and is essential to the start of productive school sessions. Form Tutors call the registers at 8:30am. Afternoon registration is taken at 1:50pm by the subject teacher. If students are not present for registration they will be marked absent.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set regularly and is crucial in supporting students' curriculum; all homework will be set on 'Show my Homework' which can be accessed via the school website. Please support us by encouraging completion of homework.

### **School Website**

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College website can be found at [www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk](http://www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk). The website holds information about the school including the latest newsletter, the school calendar and a variety of other information about the school. Urgent messages, such as school closures due to bad weather, are posted on the website.

We would encourage everyone to look regularly at the website to ensure they are up to date with events happening in school. Attached to this letter is information on key dates.

I hope this letter clarifies some points for you. We at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College value the partnership between students, parents and teachers and hope that this academic year is a time for us to work together to achieve success for your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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**Year 9 Year Leader**

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**Please return to Student Reception by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Year 9 Information Evening**

\*I/we are able/not able to attend the Year 9 Information Evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 6:00pm.

Student Name:

Form:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats.

\*Please delete

## Calendar of Year 9 Events - Autumn Term

### September 2017

Year / Form Group	Activity	Date	Time
Year 9	Welcome to GCSE's	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm – 6.45pm
All Years	School Photographs	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	During School Day

### October 2017

Year / Form Group	Activity	Date	Time
All Years	Early Closure for Open Evening	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	1:15pm
All Years	Open Evening	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	5:30pm – 8:30pm
All Years	INSET Day	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	
Year 9	Road Safety Performance	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	1.50 – 2.50pm
All Years	Half term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	

### November 2017

Year / Form Group	Activity	Date	Time
All Years	Delayed start	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am
All Years	High Flyers Performance	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	During School Day and Evening Performance

### December 2017

Year / Form Group	Activity	Date	Time
Years 7/8/9	Reports Issued	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	
All Years	Early Closure	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	12:15pm
All Years	Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	
All Years	First Day of Term	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	8:30am



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