



Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are fast approaching the end of term and there is a definite Spring feel to school. As the evenings draw out, we can all start to look forward to a summer which will, I am confident, once again enable us to celebrate many student achievements and successes.

This term has been challenging at times. Covid absence for both students and staff in the early part of the calendar year certainly did not help. I would like to thank every member of the extended Beauchamps family for the way we have supported each other, especially the students who have yet again shown great resilience in coping with the challenges thrown their way.

Year 11 and 13 students have now completed their Mock exams, and I am very pleased with the current progress being made by both of these cohorts. Staff will be working incredibly hard in the weeks ahead to ensure all students are well supported and prepared for the external exams planned for May and June. The Easter holiday is a key period for student independent revision and I would really appreciate your support in encouraging students to use this time well at home.

In my letter last week, I explained that following the recent consultation and subsequent meetings, the governing bodies of Wickford Primary School and Beauchamps High School have agreed to create The Wickford Federation. This is an exciting new chapter for Beauchamps High School and will provide many opportunities to improve the provision we offer to students in both schools and the wider community.

Each year we conduct a number of surveys with students and staff, and also gather feedback from parents in staff/parent forum meetings. In recent weeks we have been discussing how we can further improve our behaviour management systems. Two main outcomes have resulted from these surveys and meetings:

Firstly, **from September**, we will be removing our staggered break and lunchtimes. This is because it has become evident that the noise generated is disturbing the students in their lessons. To facilitate this, we will be extending the lunchtime to 45 minutes, and will be starting the school day 15 minutes earlier, at **8.30am**. I thought you would appreciate the early notification of this. The end of the day will remain at 2.45pm.

Secondly, staff and students have raised the issue of mobile phone mis-use at social times. Therefore, we will be introducing stricter control measures, which will be introduced after Easter. There will be strict mobile phones zones and restrictions on times of the day phones can be used. Any breaking of these rules may result in the confiscation of the phone, and any repeat will result in phones being held until a parent/carers comes to school to collect it. The summer term will be a trial period, to see if students can be trusted to use their phones in the correct way in school, but I must stress if a significant number of students cannot use their phones in the appropriate way, a total ban on phones from September is possible.

I am pleased that the government continues to offer Free School Meal vouchers for eligible families for the Easter holiday 2022.

I wish you a very happy Easter holiday.

Yours faithfully

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