



**Yardleys  
School**

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE**

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I write to you as we approach the end of the year and also the end of my first academic year in post as Headteacher. I said, at the start of my tenure, that Yardleys School is a special place. This year, more than ever, have I seen this. Following an extremely turbulent few years with the Covid-19 pandemic, our school has come back even stronger. I have been so impressed by how our young people have approached their studies, particularly our Year 11 students who have made the most of the opportunities afforded to them by their excellent teachers and support staff. I wish them all future success and look forward to celebrating the culmination of their five years at Yardleys with them at their prom on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It has been wonderful to see so many trips and visits resume this year. Our students have enjoyed careers trips to Birmingham University, our Duke of Edinburgh students have been out on expeditions, Year 11 enjoyed a day at Alton towers. We have had trips to the Lickey Hills, and the Botanical Gardens to name but a few. We have also welcomed many visitors into school such as a previous student who came to talk about his university experience, Loudmouth theatre, to discuss important issues and also our Careers Fair, which gave students an invaluable opportunity to find out about a range of jobs and further pathways they could consider. One of our school aims is to 'educate the whole child so that they are ready for life'. We recognise that whilst learning in school is very important, so too are the range of opportunities that happen outside the classroom to broaden our students' horizons.

We are continually reviewing our provision to ensure that it is the high-quality curriculum that our students deserve. Teachers have been working extremely hard to get ready for our move to a three-year key stage 3 curriculum from September. This will enable our students to study a wider range of subjects for longer, ensuring that they develop and embed the knowledge, skills and understanding needed for future study. My sincere thanks to our amazing teaching and support staff body who always go the 'extra mile' for our young people, day in day out. It has also been fantastic to welcome more of our governors into school to see the important work we do. I am always humbled by the selflessness and generosity of spirit of our governing body who give up their time so freely because they want to support our youngsters.

We do have a few busy weeks remaining, full of opportunities for Yardleys students. These are all detailed below. There are also a number of important notices in this letter that I urge you to read. I have also included the new term days for the academic year 2022-2023.

All it remains for me to say is a massive thank you to you all for your support. We really do value the excellent relationships we have with our parents as we continue to work together to ensure our students reach their potential.

Yours sincerely

NEIL WARNER  
Headteacher

## **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT WEEK**

As Year 11 approach the end of their GCSE examinations, we enter a busy assessment period for Year 7-10. Year 9-10 exams start next week (week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June) and these lead into the whole school assessment week for all cohorts (week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June). These exams are important and we expect students in school every day with the correct equipment (including knowledge organisers) ready for the exams. Attendance is vital. In preparation for these exams, they should be revising from knowledge organisers/resources on the VLE. End of year reports will be posted home later in July.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 9 and 10 Examinations Week.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>Whole School Assessment/Examination Weeks (Years 7-10)</u></b>  Year 7-11 Summer Term Assessment Week <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> Years 7-10 examinations  <b><u>Please note school will finish at 2:30 pm every day during this week. Due to exams, there will be no after school clubs and the library will also be closed. Students are expected to leave or to be collected at 2:30 pm during this week.</u></b>  <b><u>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June students will be dismissed at 12:10pm</u></b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b><u>Assessment Marking Day – students are not in school.</u></b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>Students in Year 7-10 return to school as normal.</u></b>

## **UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS SUMMER TERM 2022**

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have a number of events. We celebrate the end of Year 11 examinations with the leavers' assembly and school prom. We also welcome our incoming Year 6 for an Induction Day and Induction Evening. A summary of the key events are highlighted below.

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	New Year 7 (September 2022) Induction Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 11 GCSE exams conclude and school prom
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-Induction Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction Day for new Year 7
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	E-Learning Day (Due to Eid this will be an E-Learning Day with resources on line for students to access from home.)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7-10 Yardleys School Sports Day. School will finish at 12:30pm for students.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of academic year. School will finish at 12:10pm.

## **MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY – E-LEARNING DAY/EID**

There will be an e-learning day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Students will not be expected in school on this day and work will be provided on the VLE. School will continue to be open should you wish for your child to attend, with work being completed in computer rooms. If your child will be attending school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, please can you email their name and form group to the enquiry email address, [enquiry@yardleys.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@yardleys.bham.sch.uk), to confirm this. **Please note that this is the only day that will be authorised for Eid.**

## **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

Please note that all pupils need to be lined up ready for the start of the day at 8:40 am and will be recorded as late beyond this time.

We expect all children to have excellent attendance to school. Parents and carers of any child not in school will be telephoned at the beginning of the day. **Please note that term time holidays are not permitted.** Where we have concerns about attendance levels or patterns of absence, we will work with parents to improve or rectify the problem. However, we may also take further steps including legal action which could result in various penalties and fines.

## **UNIFORM**

We continue to expect high standards of uniform from pupils and the vast majority of pupils meet our expected standards. However, we need to remind pupils that they need to wear black leather shoes (not boots, trainers or canvas shoes); loose fitted trousers or skirts to an appropriate length (no jeans, leggings or rolled up trousers); no jewellery other than plain stud earrings and no excessive makeup. Please see the school website for further information and ensure that students meet the school uniform requirements.

## **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Please could parents and carers take care when parking outside of school. We have had several complaints from neighbours of cars blocking drive ways and other vehicle access points. This also creates a real danger to pedestrians including our children when they are leaving school or crossing the road. The local community were devastated by the tragic incident outside of school this year resulting in the death of a young child. The safety of students and the local community is paramount. The police have also been issuing penalty notices for illegal parking.

## **BEHAVIOUR IN THE COMMUNITY**

Please can parents and carers remind students of the importance of behaving safely on the way to and from school, for example when crossing roads, if in parks and in looking after the community. Pupils should not loiter outside the school gates and they should be mindful of local residents and members of the public at all times.

## **NEW ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2022-JULY 2023 – KEY DATES/EVENTS**

Below are some important and useful dates for the new academic year. Please note that although term dates and holidays will remain as highlighted, other events can change. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Training Day – school closed to students
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>School open to new Year 7 only</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>School open to all students</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	Open Evening for Year 6
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Attitude for Learning /Progress Review Day
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>School Open to all students</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	Training Day – school closed to students
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Year 10 & Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Whole School Assessment Week – Exams for all year groups

<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Training Day – school closed to students
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>School open to all students</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	Training Day - school closed to students
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Year 7 Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>School open to all students</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Year 11 Core Mock Exams
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Year 9 Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>School open to all students</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Training Day – school closed to students
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>May-Day Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 11 GCSE exams start
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>School open to all students</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June- Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 10 exams start
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Assessment Week – exams for Year 7-10
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>Last for academic year</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>Summer Holidays begin</b>