



**Yardleys  
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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

As we approach the end of this Spring term, I would like the opportunity to thank you all for your support, as parents and carers, for our school. I have enjoyed my time as headteacher immensely. Schools rely so much on the good relationships between home and school and this is so apparent at Yardleys. I wish you, and all the students, the very best for the future.

I would also like to inform you that, following a rigorous selection process, Mr. Basra has been unanimously appointed as the next headteacher of Yardleys School. Mr. Basra has worked closely with me over the last few years, ensuring that our curriculum and pastoral changes are implemented effectively. Mr. Basra has given loyal and committed service to the school over a number of years. I know Yardleys will be in very good hands as Mr. Basra takes the helm and leads the school into its next chapter. I wish him all the very best in his new role.

Please do take the opportunity to read the important notices below. I would also like to wish all of our year 11s the very best for their forthcoming GCSE examinations and look forward to seeing their results in the Summer. A reminder that school finishes at 12:00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and students are expected back on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

I wish you all a very peaceful and relaxing break,

Yours sincerely

NEIL WARNER  
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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

It gives me immense pleasure and privilege to write to you as the new headteacher of Yardleys School, a place that is extremely close to my heart. Having dedicated over 25 years of my teaching career to Yardleys, I am absolutely delighted and honoured to now be the Headteacher. I would like to place on record my thanks to Mr. Warner for his leadership of the school over the past few years. During his tenure, the curriculum has been broadened and developed and Ofsted's visit in March was a ringing endorsement of the quality of education, pastoral and curriculum provision in the school. I wish him every success in his new role.

Yardleys is a 'unique and special place' with an inclusive and cohesive community. The trustees, the leadership team and staff will continue to work tirelessly to meet our school aims, provide a broad and balanced curriculum with committed teaching and support staff who put the students' interest at the heart of everything we do. Our school aims are very simple, but I believe effective. We will continue to strive for academic excellence by gaining great examination outcomes, our students will have opportunities to compete with the very best for jobs, apprenticeships and further study. We will continue to educate the whole child, because we believe that learning goes beyond the classroom and we value the variety of extra-curricular activities, visits and experiences we offer to support the development of our young people. Finally, we will continue to work collaboratively by forging and maintaining good relationships with parents and carers and other schools.

We are fortunate at Yardleys to have a stable teaching and support staff body. I am committed to ensuring we do everything we can to maintain Yardleys as the first choice for parents and carers. As a parent of three boys, I know how important education is to their future lives and I take my responsibility in creating a safe, calm, productive and efficient culture for our students to learn in very seriously.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all over the coming years and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

GURPREET BASRA  
Headteacher - Designate

## **UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

Date	Event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Last Day of Spring Term - School closes at 12:00pm.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter Break
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Training Day - School will be closed to students.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	School will be open to all students as normal
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Yr.9 Options Evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Yr.11 Alton Towers Trip
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Yr. 8 Parents Evening 4:30-7:30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Yr.11 GCSE Exams Start
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Training Day - School will be closed to students
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed to Students
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Last Day of Half-Term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	Half-Term - School will be closed to students
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	School Open to students as normal

## **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Please Park in the designated parking spaces outside of school and **not illegally around the school gates**. We have had several complaints from neighbours of cars blocking driveways 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. Please be considerate of others within our community.

## **BEHAVIOUR IN THE COMMUNITY & LOCAL BUSINESS**

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, or local businesses and they should be mindful of local residents and members of the public at all times.

## **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

Please note that all pupils should enter the building by 8:40am through the playground doors. 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 when they return in January meet the school uniform requirements. Please note, your child has been issued with a new lunch card and lanyard which must be worn every day.