



Chestnut Grove Academy

HEADTEACHER: Mr. Christian Kingsley MA MSc NPQH

2nd September 2024

Dear families,

As the summer holidays are coming to an end, and your child will no doubt be extremely excited about the start of the academic year, their very first at Chestnut Grove, we take this opportunity to remind you that the first day of school for Year 7 students is Wednesday 4th September. The school gate will be open from 8.20am, and students will line up in their tutor groups ready for assembly at 8.45am. We have planned plenty of time for students to get to know the school, their tutors, and their new classmates as well as experience their first lessons.

At the end of the day, students will be dismissed at 3.10pm. Tutors and members of staff will be on hand to guide students to the tube station, train station and bus stations on Balham High Road.

If you are dropping off or collecting your child, please be mindful of the public footpaths and make space for our local community – waiting on the other side of Chestnut Grove, or further down the path would be very helpful.

School Uniform

By now, you will have purchased a school uniform for your child, and students will be expected to be wearing full school uniform on Wednesday morning. Please consider labelling items of clothing beforehand!

Students not wearing full school uniform will be asked to remain in reception whilst we make contact with home. Full details of our uniform expectations are available on the [school website](#) but some key reminders are that blazers and ties must be worn with top buttons done up and shirts tucked in. Students should not be in trainers and any summer holiday adornments such as temporary hair braids and bracelets need to be removed before returning to school. We also remind you that false eyelashes, false nails and nose piercings are not permitted and that students may only wear a single pair of stud earrings, no greater than 4mm width. Illicit jewellery and clothing will be confiscated and can be retained by the teacher until the end of the half term before being collected by the student. Only in exceptional circumstances will the office be willing to loan spare uniform to students.

We ask that you support us by reminding your child of the importance of meeting our expectations and rules regarding school uniform: looking smart, being ready for learning and part of the Chestnut Grove Community.

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Parent Pay

You are reminded that we are a cashless school. We have three different eateries, serving a range of hot and cold food. On Wednesday, Year 7 will enjoy a shared meal together free of charge. From Thursday onwards, students can purchase a meal deal from the canteen, including a main meal, salad, tray bake or piece of fruit for £2.60. A range of sandwiches, snacks and drinks are also available from our Pod or Food Cube.

You will by now have received an automated e-mail from Parent Pay asking to set up your account so that your child can purchase food. If you have not received this e-mail, please check your junk messages. For all enquiries regarding parent Pay, please contact finance@chestnutgrove.org.uk.

Arbor

At Chestnut Grove, we use Arbor to keep parents informed of students' progress, attendance and behaviour. We have now set up an Arbor parent account for you. To finish creating your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to login.arbor.sc, clicking on 'Forgotten Password?' and following the instructions on screen. Your username is your registered email address.

If you have trouble setting up your password or have general questions about the Parent Portal, visit [this Help Centre article](#).

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to the Chestnut Grove community on Wednesday, and look forward to building a strong relationship with you over the coming years.

Kind regards

Richard Cheesbrough
Deputy Headteacher

Duncan Holding
Deputy Headteacher

James Lewis
Raising Standards Leader – Yr 7

YEAR 7 RAISING STANDARDS LEADER – Mr Lewis DEPUTY RSL – Mr Reeve-Yates		
Tutor Group	Tutor	Room
7 Blake	Ms Forester	W.0.5
7 Da Vinci	Ms Anglada	N.0.26
7 Hepworth	Ms Murray	HB5
7 Kahlo	Ms Lineham /Ms Troddan	P1
7 Kapoor	Mr Binks	HB6
7 Kusama	Mr Cubillo-Barsi	HB11
7 Turner	Mr Smith	N.2.13