

July 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the Academic year draws to a close, I wanted to write to you to outline arrangements for next year and update you on some of the things that have been happening over the past 12 months.

End of term arrangements

School will close for summer on Friday 22nd July at 12.00pm. Students who wish to may have a school lunch and leave at 12.30pm. If for any reason you need your child to stay until 2.30pm, this is possible by informing reception before Friday.

Student numbers and staffing changes

When I started at De Lacy in January 2017, there were only 88 students in year 11. We were not the school of choice and local students did not all attend their local school. Since then, our numbers have soared. This year we will be welcoming 182 students in year 7. In September 2022 we will be larger by 284 students than we were in September 2017.

Such large growth requires more staff and as a result, several new staff will join us in September. These include:

Mr M Mapplebeck - Science
Ms E Heath - French
Ms L Wade - Geography
Ms H Shepherd - English

Sadly, we also say goodbye to Mrs Myatt from geography and thank her for her service.

Communication Protocols

With our numbers increasing so rapidly, it is important that you know who to contact should you have a concern. The table below shows where any questions or concerns should be directed and where our reception staff will direct them should they arise.

Point of contact	Pastoral concern	Subject concern
1 st	Form Tutor	Subject teacher
2 nd	Learning Manager	Head of Faculty
3 rd	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal
4 th	Vice Principal	Vice Principal
5 th	Principal	Principal

The school day from September

Students must be inside the school grounds no later than 8.20am every day or they will be given a C4 detention. Punctuality is a skill necessary in every job and something that we learn at school.

School will finish for Years 7-10 at 2.30pm each day. Year 11 will finish at 3.15pm each day to enable them to catch up on the work missed in Y9 that they will need in their examinations. They will however finish at 2.30pm on Tuesdays to allow for staff training.

Year Group	Start time a.m.	End Time p.m.	Entry/gate
7	8.20	2.30	Side gate
8	8.20	2.30	Side gate
9	8.20	2.30	Front gate
10	8.20	2.30	Front gate
11	8.20	3.15 (2.30 on Tuesdays)	Front gate

Uniform

Mrs O'Brien has written to you already giving a full description of uniform expectations. These are also available in full on the website. I wanted to repeat a few key points below to ensure absolute clarity for September. The whole point of a uniform, whether you are a school pupil or whether you work in a particular setting such as for an airline or in a restaurant, is to promote a sense of belonging and sameness. In a school setting, this projects a smart image and also allows students who can not afford the latest trainers, nails, belts and the like to not feel self-conscious about it. As soon as you allow one pupil to modify their uniform, even if only slightly, this is undone. The issues that are most common are given in the list below:

- No artificial nails of any kind are allowed, be they gel, acrylic or any other type. Nail varnish will also need to be removed before the school day.
- No piercings of any kind should be worn. It is not acceptable for students to wear 'clear' studs.
- Trousers and skirts must be tailored.
- Only plain belt belts are acceptable; a belt should not be worn with a school skirt.
- Year 11 must wear a blue shirt, all other students a white shirt.
- Students must not wear socks of any kind when wearing a skirt - tights must be worn.
- Students should not wear boots. Shoes must be plain, black and polishable. They should not look like trainers or have a sporting logo on them.

Equipment

All students must bring equipment for learning with them every day. They are responsible for bringing a pencil case (containing at least a pen, pencil and ruler) and a planner to school. All students must have a bag. Y7-9 must have a Delta bag and will be given a C4 detention if they do not bring these items. Y10 and 11 must also have a bag, however they may bring their own.

First Day back

We have some extensive building work taking place over the summer holidays and so in order to take time to acclimatise students to their new surroundings, we have chosen to run a staggered start in September.

All students will start their first day back in the Assembly Hall with myself.

Year Group	Date and time of first day back
7	Tuesday 6 th September 11:45am
8	Wednesday 7 th September 11.00am
9	Thursday 8 th September 8.20am
10	Wednesday 7 th September 8.20am
11	Tuesday 6 th September 8.20am

I wish you and your families a happy, restful and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully,



Mr C McCall
Associate Executive Principal