

16th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As the summer break approaches, it is lovely to reflect on just how much has happened in the last year. We have been very much focused on being fully prepared to meet the challenges of the new curricula and exam specifications. This summer our Year 11 students will reach results day and for the first time their certificates will consist of entirely numbers rather than letters. The new grade 1 to 9 system is now completely established and we look forward to it fully reflecting the hard work of the students and staff. New A-level curricula have also now come online and with the associated changes to the accountability systems, it will be interesting to see how things unfold at a national level this year.

Beyond the classroom

Although we are ultimately focused on ensuring every student reaches their academic potential and makes the most progress they are capable of, as a school, we feel strongly that there is more to developing young people than the conventional classroom experience that you might be familiar with. I wish you could have been in school over the last few weeks to see some of the other experiences that students at Buxton Community School have access to. I can only give you a flavour of what has happened here recently but I am going to try! A team from the school travelled to Estonia to compete in the Lego League Robotics world championships with great success, we have had an overseas visit to CERN to visit the large hadron collider and the United Nations building in Geneva. Years 7, 8 and 9 have been out on camps to develop independence and team building skills and sixth formers have been out on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. There have been performances with the Fringe of Romeo and Juliet and an exhibition of the school's art work. We have run a very successful alumni day with many ex-students giving up their time to come in and spend time with many of our students to help them think about what they might want to do with their lives. We have run a very successful "Futures Week" for Year 10 who have visited universities and colleges, visited potential employers, enjoyed a brilliant enterprise day and even had a visit from the army who put them through their paces. On top of this we held our annual activities day when every student is offered the chance to do something different for a day. We have been running a Y9 reading buddy scheme and a highlight for me was when two of our Year 9 boys were given the opportunity to take over the High Peak Radio breakfast show and they did a brilliant job. All of this has happened in the last half term. Each of these experiences helps shape and round the individuals who take part, there is something for everyone at Buxton Community School and we will continue to encourage every child to take on a new experience above and beyond the normal school day.

Next year

Our induction programme is really successful and effectively supports our new Year 7 students to be ready to join us in September. We are delighted to announce that the number of applications for places in Year 7 has risen by 25% over the last three years. We look forward to receiving around 200 new students to the school in September and will be introducing an extra class in to our new Year 7, to meet the demand.

The summer also brings a little sadness as we will lose some staff and students who move on to new chapters in their lives. Despite what you may have read in the national press about the shortage of teachers at a national level, we have recruited well and we are fully staffed for September with high-quality subject specialists and they will bring plenty of experience and energy to the school. Our growing reputation and the opportunity to work in this school with your children is proving too good an opportunity to miss for teachers looking for a new role.

Although we do not usually mention individuals in these letters, it is impossible not to mention that Mrs Hunter is retiring from Buxton Community School. She has tirelessly served the school and the children of the town for 34 years and has been at the heart of so much of what has been good about the school. We will miss her very much and I am sure that you would join us in wishing her the very best of luck for a long and happy retirement.

Standards

We believe that by having the highest expectations and standards for our young people, they learn more effectively and that they will achieve more as a result. This is reflected in much that we do, from what we see as acceptable conduct around school and in the local community, to our expectations for school uniform. We know that you will be thinking about buying new uniform and kit for September and it seems a good time to remind you about the uniform code. A full copy is attached to this letter and it is relatively unchanged from previous years. Please do not allow your child to convince you that we will not enforce certain aspects of the code - we will. If a student attends school with incorrect uniform, additional piercings, brightly coloured hair etc, they will be challenged and we will expect it to be quickly corrected and if necessary they will be sent home to put it right. Please support us with this and if you are unsure if an item meets the uniform standards please check the guidance on the website. The school remains a mobile phone free zone between 9.50am-3.20pm. If a student is using their phone it will be confiscated until the end of the day. It will be necessary for a parent, or another responsible adult nominated by parents, to come and collect it if this happens on more than one occasion. Whilst we understand this can be inconvenient, it is important that students know we will not deviate from this procedure for any reason.

End of term

School will close for the summer on Friday 20th at 12.30pm to students. We can put supervision in place for the small number of children who may not be able to take advantage of the early finish. If this applies please contact Sandi Flint so we know who to expect on the day. Please see below details for those students who may need to get buses.

I thank you very much for your support during a very busy year and wish you all a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Yates
Headteacher

- **Peak Dale, Peak Forest, Sparrow Pit, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley, Buxworth and Whaley Bridge:**
students can travel on High Peak Service 190, which leaves the Market Place at 1.35pm.
- **Dove Holes, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whaley Bridge:**
students can travel on the High Peak 199, which leaves the Market Place at 1pm.
- **Brierlow Bar, Sterndale Moor, Pomeroy and Newhaven:**
students can travel on High Peak service 441, which leaves the Market Place at 1.18pm.
- **Chelmorton and Taddington:**
students can travel on the Transpeak service, which leaves the Market Place at 12.40pm.
- **Earl Sterndale, Longnor and Hartington:**
students can travel on High Peak service 442, which leaves the Market Place at 2.28pm.

Instructions for the first day back – Tuesday, 4th September 2018

- Year 7 come in for 8.50am and report to their form rooms.
- Year 8–Year 11 come in at 9.45am and report to their form rooms.
- Year 12 to report to the Gothic Hall at 8.40am.
- Year 13 to report to the Study Centre at 8.50am.

Useful Contact Details – September 2018

Area	Person	Email Address
Y7 Progress	Mr C Holman	charlie-joe.holman@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk
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Y9 Pastoral Manager	Mrs L Gayle	laura.gayle@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk
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Y10 Pastoral Manager	Mrs A Wray	amy.wray@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk
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Y11 Pastoral Manager	Mrs D Birkin	debbie.birkin@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk
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Headteacher	Mr C Yates	headteacher@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk
General	Admin support	information@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk

Form Tutors		Changes from 2017/18
New Year 7	Tutor	
7lsc	Mr A Isaac	
7Glp	Miss C Gillespie	
7Rwn	Mrs E Rawson	
7Crr	Miss J Carr	
7Bmy	Mrs L Bothamley	
7Gfn	Mr T Griffin	
7Gld	Miss H Gould	
New Year 8	Tutor	
8Bkr	Miss A Barker	
8lgm	Miss L Ingham	
8Wth	Mr G Wentworth	
8Pks	Mrs E Haigh	Was 8Pks
8Scs	Mrs C Scholes	
8Wst	Mr J Warhurst	
New Year 9	Tutor	
9Wfn	Miss K Weston	Was 8Bar
9Hwd	Miss A Heywood	
9Rdy	Mrs S Reddy	Was 8Rdy
9Rfn	Mrs J Redfearn	
9Gth	Mrs C Gelsthorpe	
9Cpy	Miss A Copley	
New Y10	Tutor	
10Mre	Mr M Moore	
10Ads	Mr T Adams	

10Hwr	Mrs J Howarth	
10Jns	Mr G Jones	
10Bth	Mrs V Booth	Was 9Mst
10Hll	Miss A Hall	
New Y11	Tutor	
11Mry	Miss C Murray	
11Wwh	Mrs E Wentworth	
11Pkd	Miss C Pickford	
11Wlk	Mr S Lockett	Was 10Wlk
11Mln	Mr M Milner	
11Kch	Mr E Kitchen	
11Ncl	Ms J Nichol	
New Y12	Tutor	
12Bky	Mr C Buckley	
12Wrd	Mr J Ward	
12Wrg	Mr C Warrington	
12Bte	Mrs E Batey	
New Y13		
13Wrn	Mr A Warrington	
13Hwl	Miss L Howells	
13Wkn	Mr R Wilkins	
13Obn	Mr C O'Brien	

Our School Uniform is

- Black blazer with school logo (purchased only from Trutex or Tesco.com). Only school badges allowed on lapel.
- Plain white shirt with a pointed collar (not tight fitting blouse) buttoned to the top and must be worn tucked into trousers/skirt.
- School clip on tie — purchase from school via ParentPay
- All black trousers or skirt (skirt must be knee length). Trousers and skirts must be plain black, made of school uniform type material only (not denim, canvas, cord, linen, or leather). Leggings/legging type trousers and jean-type trousers with patch pockets are not allowed.
- Shoes should be leather or leather look, polishable all black, flat, sensible school shoes, not canvas or other materials, no boots or sports trainers. There should be no logos.
- Socks should be plain black or white. Tights should be black.

Optional:

- A plain, all black V-neck, knitted school jumper may be worn under the blazer (no logos). The jumper must not be worn instead of the blazer. No sweatshirts.
- A belt, if required, should be thin, plain black with a plain buckle.

Not allowed:

- Coats, scarves, hats or gloves should not be worn inside the building.
- Jewellery or piercings are limited to a watch and one small stud in each ear.
- Jewellery cannot be worn at all for PE (Derbyshire County Council Policy for schools).
- Ear stretchers cannot be worn, for health and safety reasons.
- Any makeup and/or nail varnish must look natural.
- There should be no extreme hair styles. e.g. patterns shaved into the head; vivid hair dye.

The blazer is available from Trutex Direct, the Trutex and More store in Macclesfield and from Tesco.com. The tie is available from school only (purchase via ParentPay). Only the official school blazer and tie will be allowed.

PE Kit

Boys and girls have the same PE kit:

- BCS badged navy blue polo shirt
- BCS badged navy blue zip up hooded top
- Navy blue elasticated waist sport shorts
- Plain white football socks for outdoors
- Plain white short socks or trainer socks for indoors

The PE kit is available from Trutex Direct and from the Trutex and More shop in Macclesfield. The badged navy polo top can also be purchased from Tesco.com