Dear Parent/Career

**Start of term message from the Headteacher**
Hello! I am delighted to write to you as the Headteacher of Moseley School and Sixth Form. The New Year has started positively and with focus. My ambition, and that of all the staff that work at this unique place of learning in the heart of our community, is to provide an excellent education that enables your sons and daughters to achieve or exceed their potential so they are able to take advantage of the best that life has to offer.

I believe passionately in the ability of people to continuously improve and develop their knowledge, understanding and skills; we never reach the point where there is nothing new to learn or understand. At Moseley we believe that all children have the capability to expand their knowledge, develop new skills and become responsible, mature, independent contributors to society.

I believe this is achieved best by forming a strong partnership between the child, the school and you the parent or carer. At school, we will work hard to provide the best learning opportunities so all children have the chance to succeed. I ask for your support in this partnership by taking an interest in and supporting your child(ren) with their learning at home, helping them to be organised and prepared to come to school every day on time, with all the equipment they need to learn, dressed in full school uniform which is worn correctly and with pride, and, most importantly that you check they have completed all homework and revision set by their teachers. All children have their own planner which they record their homework in. Helping in this way shows we all care about and place high value on their learning and development.

**Summer exam success**
We had an excellent set of GCSE and A Level results last year. Congratulations to all the students, teachers, support staff and parents that worked incredibly hard to achieve this success. We have increased aspirations for this year’s students.

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School expectations and standards

For children to succeed in their learning and personal development, the school implements a set of basic rules and routines which everyone follows. This enables everyone to be safe, which is our main priority, and create the conditions for excellent learning to occur. Sanctions will be applied when these are not followed.

✔ All children are in lessons on time ready to learn, sat doing their ‘do now’ task, within 4 minutes.
✔ Silent entry to classrooms is expected with an immediate start to learning. Rewards will be given to those that do this consistently well, all the time.
✔ Low level disruption, calling out, silly or immature behaviour, poor conduct and inappropriate language will not be tolerated at any time. The right to high quality learning by everyone is our top priority.
✔ Incomplete or poor quality work is not acceptable and will be redone in the child’s own time, either at break or lunchtime, or in detention after school. High standards are expected at all times from every child. It is in their interests to do it right first time.
✔ Blazers and ties must be worn at all times unless given permission otherwise, proper outdoor coats are optional and must not be sports tops or hoodies.
✔ If coats are worn, they must be removed in classrooms and the dining room. Coats are an outdoor garment worn to provide shelter from bad weather. They are not school uniform and should not be worn as such.
✔ Mobile phones are not allowed in school at any time. If seen or used, they will be taken and securely stored for parents to collect. They will not be returned to children. This is a safeguarding measure and is in place to guarantee the safety of your child. If they bring a phone into school it is their responsibility, school is not responsible for it going missing or getting damaged.
✔ Appropriate levels of speaking and communication are expected at all times.
✔ Rudeness and poor language will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned appropriately. The function of school is to help prepare children for life in the working world and to be part of a safe and supportive community, and see that all actions have consequences.
✔ Children are responsible for clearing away after themselves when they have eaten their lunch.
✔ Anything that supports the learning of others and demonstrates the positive values of the school will be noticed and recognised through our rewards system.
Attendance and punctuality
It is a legal requirement in England that children attend school every day during term time. They also need to be on the school site by 8:30am so they are not late to their first lesson at 8:35am. We take attendance and punctuality very seriously and will follow this up if children are missing from school. It is a safeguarding issue if children are not in school or are late arriving. Please only keep your child at home if they have a serious illness (i.e. It is contagious), and inform the school as early as possible of their absence. All children should be aiming for 100% attendance and never below 97%.

The Headteacher can only grant term time absence from school in exceptional circumstances. Term time holidays will not be granted, as children are required to be in school. Please be aware that this will be unauthorised, and could lead to a fine, or court injunction. I advise you to only book holidays outside of term time.

The table below shows the impact on learning time from increased absence from school. Contact your child’s head of house, house pastoral manager or our attendance officer if you have concerns with your child’s attendance.

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<td>- Less than 85%</td>
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Local road network and parking
The roads around our school are incredibly busy at all times especially Wake Green Road and College Road. While most children live close enough to walk to school, which we encourage, if you do drop your child off by car please do not park in a manner that obstructs other road users or blocks the highway or the driveways of our local neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Important dates and events
On the back of this page is a list of important dates and major events scheduled for the year ahead. Your attendance at progress evenings is expected where you will be able to meet with teachers and pastoral staff to discuss your child’s learning and achievement in their subjects. This forms an important part of the partnership between parents and school.

Exam dates have also been included. All children are to be in school during these times and any time lost will be made up through after school sessions. Practice tests and exams are an important part of the process in preparing children to achieve their very best.

Thank you for taking the time to read my first letter to you. I look forward to meeting you at one of our many events throughout the year, which we welcome your involvement in.

Please contact the pastoral team should you require any further assistance with your child’s schooling.

With very best wishes

Andrew Bate
Headteacher

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**Autumn Term**
*Monday 2nd September – Friday 25th October*
Year 7 Open Evening - Wednesday 25th September 2019
School Closed to students on Friday 4th October 2019
Year 7 and Sixth Form Settling in Evening - Wednesday 23rd October 2019

**Half Term**
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2019

**Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December**
Sixth Form Open Evening - Wednesday 13th November 2019
Year 11 PPE Examinations - Monday 4th November - Friday 15th November
Year 11 PPE Results and Progress Evening - Wednesday 27th November 2019
School Closed to students on Friday 29th November 2019

**Christmas Holidays**
Monday 23rd December – 3rd January

**Spring Term**
*Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February*
Year 8 Progress and Pathways Evening - Wednesday 15th January 2020
School Closed from 12.20pm to students on Wednesday 5th February 2020
Year 9 Progress Evening - Wednesday 12th February 2020
School Closed to students on Friday 14th February 2020

**Half Term**
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

**Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April**
Year 11 & Sixth Form PPE Examinations - Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March
Year 11 PPE Results and Progress Evening - Wednesday 23rd March 2020

**Easter Break**
Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April

**Summer Term**
*Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May*
Year 7 Progress Evening - Wednesday 22nd April 2020

**Half Term**
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

**Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July**
Year 7 - 10 PPE Examinations - Monday 15th June - Friday 26th June
Year 10 Progress Evening - Wednesday 8th July 2020

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