

26th January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Head of Sixth Form at Boston Spa School. I look forward to working with you in the weeks and months ahead.

BASIC EXPECTATIONS

One of the first things I did was to reinforce some basic expectations for students:

- Attending school every day from 8.45am to 3.25pm, including tutor time
- Calling school to report absence by 8.45am
- To maintain safeguarding procedures by signing out whenever they leave the school site.

Thank you for your support in making sure our students embrace these expectations.

EXAM PREPARATION

Given the importance of this time of the year, with the PPEs starting next month, and the summer exams so near we have increased the amount of 'registered study' time to ensure increased opportunities for supervised study and revision. To further support this, we have introduced:

- Revision resources available in the work area
- Extra work provided by subjects
- Silent study rooms, bookable by the lesson

If you need further support in making sure that your daughter or son is making best use of these opportunities please do not hesitate to get in touch.

STUDENT WELLNESS

We are mindful of our pastoral responsibilities to our students and take these very seriously. I will introduce wellness and enrichment activities in the near future. If you have thoughts as to how we might make these really effective for our students I will be pleased to hear from you.

DRESS CODE

After a consultation with over twenty student representatives I have announced today a trial on a 'smart casual' dress code. I was impressed with the mature dialogue we had and have made the following alterations:

- Jeans can be worn, not those that are ripped
- Trainers can be worn
- Shirts without collars can be worn, but not with slogans or designs which do not embrace the values of our school or those that might be deemed offensive
- Hoodies can be worn
- Skirts should be of an appropriate length
- Headwear should not be worn, unless for religious observance.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the dress code is upheld by our students.

UPCOMING DATES

May I draw the following to your attention;

Tuesday 18th January – Mr Lee began the UCAS process for all Y12 students. Further information for parents can be found [here](#).

Thursday 26th January – Careers fair at school, as outlined the letter dated 19th January

Monday 27th February – Pre Public Exams begin

Monday 14th March – Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair at the First Direct Arena (5-8pm)

I am very much enjoying my new role working with your daughters and sons, and I will be pleased to hear from you by email, brennam@bostonspa.leeds.sch.uk or on the telephone number below, if I can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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