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Dear Parent/Carer

We've reached the end of the most challenging school term. Due to the impact of Coronavirus on the region and the subsequent knock on effect schools have experienced some significant disruption. However, it has been pleasing to see the whole BCA community, staff, students and their families, work together to ensure we have kept the school fully open over these last few months.

As you will know from my previous letters we have continued to deliver our curriculum and wider educational experience in a safe and secure way. However, this has been undertaken under a range of restrictions. In January, for the most part these restrictions will remain in place. However we will be making some minor changes.

Changes to the School Day

From Tuesday 5th January 2021 students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 should arrive at school at 8:25am ready to start at 8:30am. (Monday-Thursday) Students in Year 10 should arrive at school at 8:35am. (Monday to Thursday)

On Fridays students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 should arrive at 9:25am for a 9:30am start. Students in Year 10 should arrive at 9:30am.

On Monday to Thursday school will finish at 2:35pm and on Friday at 3:15pm.

Spring Term 2021

The Spring Term starts on Tuesday 5th January for all students.

Face Masks

As you are aware throughout the Autumn Term students and staff have been required to wear face masks in communal areas and whilst moving around the building. This will continue to be a requirement when we return in January. It is essential that students bring their own face mask and they should not expect the school to provide additional masks beyond the two washable masks that every student was given in November. So far the school has incurred costs for the purchase of over 2500 single use masks for students who arrive without their own. This is not sustainable so I ask you to ensure your child arrives in school each day with a mask.

School Meals

From January we will continue to provide free toast and fruit for students on arrival to school. At break times we will also provide free fruit but we will re-introducing our usual service for students to purchase food at breaktimes. This will include bagels, cheese on toast, ham and cheese croissants and paninis.

Our hot meal availability for students is now operating as normal so there is no necessity for students to bring a packed lunch unless they wish to do so. Please visit our website to view the daily menus.

Uniform and PE Kit

From January students should continue to wear their PE kit on days where they have PE lessons scheduled. The PE kit should consist of the following:

Black BCA branded hoodie



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Plain black hoodie

BCA branded t-shirt

Black shorts

Black tracksuit/jogging bottoms

Black leggings

Black PE skirt

Students should wear their blazer on top of their PE kit

All of these items can be purchased here <https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/secondary-schools/beamont-collegiate-academy/> or by visiting Warrington School Wear [50-54 Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NN](#).

Students must not wear their own non-black branded sports kit.

Mr Reynolds will follow up this letter with a reminder for parents about our standards and expectations regarding uniform and dress code.

Track and Trace from Friday 18th December 2020.

Over the first few days of the Christmas holidays it will be necessary for parents/carers to notify the school if their child tests positive for coronavirus. Whilst this will be frustrating for families it is essential that we are informed so that we can identify close contacts and inform them and their families. If your child tests positive between the 18th and 24th of December please email trackandtrace@bca.warrington.ac.uk. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact you to ascertain further details.

Friday 18th December 2020.

On Friday students will be dismissed at 12:50pm. Those that are entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect a packed lunch as before they leave. On this day students can wear a Christmas accessory to school such as a Christmas jumper, Christmas hair band or Christmas hat. Such accessory style items should be worn with their school uniform. Students who wear a Christmas accessory are being asked to support families in the wider community by making a food donation to our foodbank which will then get distributed via the Warrington foodbank.

Goodbye to 2020...

2020 has tested and challenged us all over the last few months. It is a year many of us maybe glad to see the back of but in many ways it has brought the BCA school community closer together. From the early beginnings of the lockdown when we moved our entire education programme online to when we initially began to welcome small numbers of students back in the summer term and then the return of all students and staff in September, it has been a year like no other. The way the staff and students came together to make a socially distanced school environment work has been a remarkable achievement. Our students have shown themselves to be made of stern stuff and have taken much of this uncertainty in their stride and they should be recognised for the determination they have shown since returning in September. I'd also like to thank our parents and carers for their support, words of encouragement and patience over the last year. It is that support from you that gives us all here at BCA a sense of hope for better things to come for our youngsters in 2021.

Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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