

Friday, 4th September

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have enjoyed a good first week back and that your children have been coming home feeling inspired and ready for the year ahead. We have had a great start and I am really pleased with how students have settled into strong routines for learning.

Attendance

We have already spoken to schools and families around the importance of attendance, and this starts from the beginning of term. Please work with us to ensure that your child has a fantastic start over the next couple of weeks. We have seen a positive start from most students and families – so thank you for that. A good start to their attendance – in every day, on time – is crucial. Where we are concerned about attendance, we will be in touch with you.

Breakfast Club – every day

We have mentioned this before, but our Breakfast Club is completely free and everyone is welcome from 8am, in the Canteen, every single day.

Student Managers

Students Managers should be your first point of contact if you need to get in touch regarding concerns or feedback about how things are going. Their details are below – please make a note of these and do contact them if you need any support.

Year 7	Miss Nurse	Annie.Nurse@sharemat.co.uk
Year 8	Mrs Crowther	Rachel.Crowther@sharemat.co.uk
Year 9	Mr Garside	Matt.Garside@sharemat.co.uk
Year 10	Mr Wilson	Ben.Wilson@sharemat.co.uk
Year 11	Mr Young	Jamie.Young@sharemat.co.uk

Mobile phones

Following new guidance from the Department for Education, TCA is now a mobile phone-free zone. As was the case before the summer, students should not have their mobile phone out, use it, or allow it to be seen or heard while they are in

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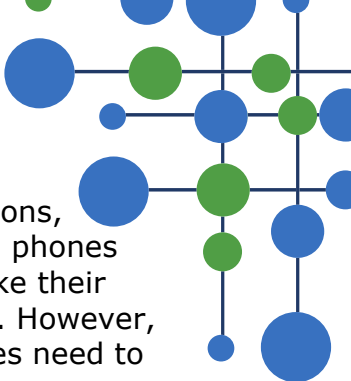
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school. To be clear, this applies to the whole school day, including lessons, social times and movement around school. We understand that mobile phones are an important part of everyday life and that many parents/carers like their children to have a phone with them on the journey to and from school. However, once students are here, phones should not be seen or heard. All phones need to be off and in bags during the day.

If a member of staff sees or hears a student's phone, it will be taken from them and brought to Reception. The phone will then be kept safely at school and will not be returned to the student. A parent or carer will need to come to Reception to collect the phone. If you need to contact your child during the school day, particularly in an emergency, please contact Reception. You can read the full Department for Education guidance [here](#):

[Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)

We have spoken to students about the expectations in assemblies this week and these are very clear. Please support us in ensuring that TCA remains a mobile free zone by reminding them at home.

And finally...

I know that the first week back is a big moment for your child – whether in year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11. The shift back to school routine is a challenge for us all, and I am so incredibly impressed by your children's efforts this week. We want to make this year a huge success for everyone – the responsibility of your child's secondary school education is something we take very seriously. Here's to a really positive year doing what we do best – teachers teaching, and students learning.

Be nice. Work hard.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton
Headteacher