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Dear parent/guardian,

We are delighted to be able to share the following information with you outlining upcoming events and activities for the summer term. It is a really positive indicator of life getting back to normal in school and our local community.

We are also proud to announce that our School has been shortlisted for the TES **Alternative Provision School of the Year Award**. You can see the full list of nominations <u>here</u>. TES host the most prestigious awards in the education sector, and our nomination is an amazing achievement and a reflection the fantastic work of staff and students on a daily basis. The ceremony will be a virtual event on Friday 25 June at 8pm, and you can click <u>here</u> to register to watch.

School day

Due to Covid-19 measures, we have been on a condensed timetable since the start of the academic year. However, Beal High School and The Forest Academy have successfully piloted a returned to a 'full' school day since the return after Easter. This has been very well received by students and parents.

We are now able to return to a longer day, however we want to retain some of the positive aspects of the condensed timetable. Therefore, lessons will remain shorter, under one hour. This is based on feedback from staff who are managing to deliver the same amount of content due to the improved behaviour during the shorter lessons.

Additionally, we are keeping the two break times where students can purchase food. Instead of having one short break and one long lunch, we will keep to having two breaks during the day when students can eat. We are also reintroducing registration periods which will take place in the afternoon. We will also ensure our students do not get caught in the rush of Beal students at the start and end of the day.

The School day will start from 9.30 and end at 2.45.

We appreciate many of you will need time to organise travel and childcare arrangements, therefore our day will be changed as of on **Monday 7th June**, the start of the final half term.



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Study leave

Traditionally, Year 11 and 13 students go on study leave from the May half term. However, this year due to the huge amount of learning missed as a result of lockdown, we will continue to run classes after student grades have been submitted. Therefore, all students will be able to attend all their classes up until the end of the academic year to catch up on the missed learning. If students are not taking this opportunity they can be provided with the work online.

Parent's Evenings

It has been so difficult not be able to meet in person to discuss your child's progress in all subjects. We have provisionally booked the following dates for parent's evening, but of course they will be dependent on changes made to the DfE guidance which at the moment looks optimistic. We are planning our parent's evening for all students on Tuesday 22nd June. We will send more information closer to that date.

Summer School

Following last year's successful summer school, we would again like to give all students the opportunity to participate in fun activities with their friends under the care of trusted staff. These are scheduled to take place from Monday 26th July and will be focused on social activities, project based learning, and outdoor experiences. In order to plan this effectively, please confirm if you would like to access this provision by emailing admin@bbih.org by Friday 28th May.

Risk Assessment

In line with the recent announcement regarding the easing of social distancing measures we have updated our risk assessment which can be found here

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support, patience, and understanding throughout the last year. The pandemic and its impact was beyond our global comprehension, never mind how it has affected us all individually.

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Warm regards,

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