

September 2017

Dear Parent

I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break.

On Tuesday 5th September, Regents Park welcomed over 170 new Year 7 students, with Years 8-11 being welcomed back from their summer holiday break on Wednesday 6th September.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for supporting us with an extremely smartly dressed group of students returning to school. Please could I remind parents that we have a uniform code and as many of you will have seen, myself and other members of the leadership team welcome students in the morning and check their uniform.

Summer results

It was a pleasure to attend results day on the 24th August and what was pleasing was that students again achieved highly. This was the first year of the new 9 – 1 grading in English and Maths. 67% of students achieved the new 9 – 4 threshold in English and Maths, up 8% on last year's equivalent. We had ten students achieve the new 9 grade, which places them in the top 3% of all students. Once again the Progress 8 measure for the school was very positive and early indications look like the school will be in the top 10% of all schools nationally.

Below is a table that sets out the new grading

New grading structure	Maths & English Results 2017	Old grading structure	Maths & English Results 2016
9	67%	A%	59%
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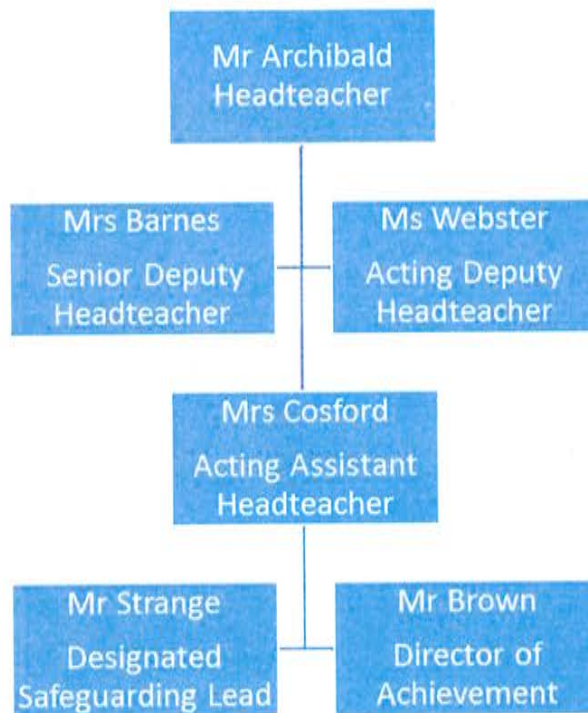
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Leadership Team Update

Mr Henderson, Deputy Headteacher, is currently on a one term temporary secondment to help another school. Please see below the leadership structure:



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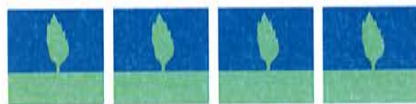
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New Staff

I am pleased to announce the following new staff members who have joined Regents Park:

Teaching

Miss Cooper – Head of Year 7

Mr Gates – Head of Year 8

Miss Donovan – English

Miss Fison – English

Mr Stone – PE

Miss Ebblewhite - History

We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Croud from maternity leave

Support

Ms Robertson – LSA

Miss Nolan - LSA

Miss Payne – Study Supervisor

Mrs Mansbridge – Finance Officer

Miss Giles – Cleaning Supervisor

Mrs Miles – Cleaner / Lunchtime Supervisor

Also joining us are trainees from Schools Direct who are:

Miss Woodward – Art

Miss Partridge – Science

Miss Wilding – Science

Miss Hinds - English

Heads of Year

Please find set out below the name of your child's Head of Year and their Leadership Link together with the name of their support staff member.

	Head of Year	Leadership Link	Head of Year Support
Head of Year 7	Miss Cooper	Ms Webster	Mrs Bradley
Head of Year 8	Mr Gates	Mrs Barnes	Miss Moore
Head of Year 9	Mr Sinclair	Mrs Barnes	Miss Moore
Head of Year 10	Miss Bishop	Mrs Barnes	Mrs Jarvis
Head of Year 11	Mr Holloway	Mrs Barnes	Mrs Jarvis

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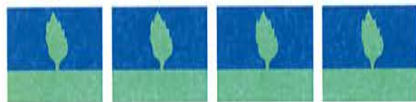
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Careers

Last year was very successful for our careers programme with many opportunities for students of all ages to speak to potential employers and colleges, practice their employability skills and go out into the workplace. We intend for this careers exploration to continue throughout this year and in particular with our annual Careers Festival, which takes place on Friday 24th November involving activities for all year groups. We are also planning Work Experience this year for our Year 10s. They will have the opportunity to do a one or two-week placement in a workplace of their choice starting on Monday 21st May. The deadline for all forms, yellow 'Placement Help' forms and blue 'Own Placement Forms', is Wednesday 18th October.

PSHE

We have a comprehensive education programme this year for all students' personal, social, health and economic education. The topics of Sex and Relationships, Wellbeing, Risk and Money Management will be delivered by professional organisations in differentiated workshops in groups of no more than 30. In addition, tutors, year heads and curriculum leaders will be having discussions with students on a variety of different themes every week in tutor time and assembly. For example, some of the weeks we have planned for this year are: Black History, STEM Careers and World Autism Awareness.

Safety and Welfare

We take our responsibility for ensuring the safety of our students as a priority. I would just like to remind parents, as we have reminded students and staff, that we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Strange and two Child Protection Officers, myself and Mrs Barnes. Should parents have concerns these are the designated people, but you can also contact the Head of Year.

As we enter the Autumn and the nights draw in, safety for students to and from school becomes more important. Those riding bicycles to school should be wearing helmets and have adequate lights if necessary. If you are dropping off or picking up your child from either Richville Road or King Edward Avenue, please do not park on the yellow lines as it causes dangerous situations.

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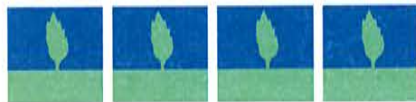
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Future Dates

Listed below are some dates and events I wish to bring to your attention which can also be found on the school's website. These can be found on the bottom of the home page entitled "Calendar Events" you can click on "more events". I have enclosed a copy of the school term dates for your information.

w/c 18th September – Year 7 CATs
 Thursday 21st September – Year 7 Parents' Welcome Evening
 Thursday 21st September – Year 8 HPV [1]
 Tuesday 26th September – European Day of Languages
 Thursday 28th September – Open Evening – 6.00 – 9.00pm
 Friday 29th September – Late start for students – students are to arrive from 10.35am ready to start lesson 3 at 10.50am
 Monday 2nd October – Open Session – 1.30 – 2.30pm
 Thursday 5th October – Open Session 9.15 – 10.15am
 Saturday 7th October – Years 5 & 6 Taster Session – 10.00 – 12.30pm
 w/c 9th October – Sex & Relationships Week – workshops for all years provided by No Limits
 Tuesday 10th October – Into University – Years 7 & 8
 Monday 16th October – Year 8 MFL Languages celebration day
 Friday 20th October – Professional Development Day – school closed to students
 Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – Half Term
 Tuesday 31st October – Year 11 – Into University
 Thursday 2nd November – Parent Forum – 6.30 – 7.30pm
 w/c 20th November – Careers Week – Assemblies linked to careers and the festival
 Friday 24th November – Careers Festival – All years
 Thursday 21st December – Last day of term / Charity Christmas Jumper Day
 Friday 22nd December – Monday 8th January – Christmas Break [Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January – Professional Development Days – School closed to students

Yours sincerely

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School Term and Holiday Dates

2017 – 2018

Autumn Term 2017

INSET Day 1: Friday 1st September 2017 - TWILIGHT – Teachers only

INSET Day 2: Monday 4th September 2017

Term starts: Year 7 Students only: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Term starts: Years 8 – 11 Year Groups return: Wednesday 6th September 2017

INSET Day 3: Friday 20th October 2017 [School closed to students]

Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017

Term Ends: Thursday 21st December 2017

Spring Term 2018

INSET Day 4: Thursday 4th January 2018 [School closed to students]

INSET Day 5: Friday 5th January 2018 [School closed to students]

Term starts: Students Return - Monday 8th January 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018

Terms Ends: Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Terms Starts: Monday 16th April 2018

Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

Term Ends: Friday 20th July 2018