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Dear Parent / Carers

Welcome to our End-of-Year Newsletter

As we come to the end of this academic year and a busy term, we are writing to update you with the arrangements for the start of the new academic year for all students on Thursday 7th September 2023.

At Conisborough College, we are incredibly thankful and appreciative of the effort, determination and resilience shown by both our students and staff over the past year at school. So many of our young people have been a true credit to parents, carers, and the local community. We have celebrated their achievements, skills, talents and abilities in our recent Rewards Assemblies and Graduation of Year 11. We are proud of our school community for the way in which our students and families have supported one another, working together to ensure that we focus on doing everything possible to maintain the highest possible standards of education, both academically and for your child's personal development.

End of the school year: Friday 21st July

As you are already aware, there will be a phased dismissal of all students today, Friday 21st July, from 12.30pm. It is a normal school uniform day. There will be a timetable for lessons 1 – 4 and a brunch food service at morning break. Students should make their way home safely and not hang around the local shops and residential areas.

The School Day from September

The school day will continue as it has this year and will run from 8:30am-3pm

The schedule for the school day is below.

Year 7,9 & 11 Students

8.30am: Registration
9.00am: Lesson 1
9.50am: Lesson 2
10.40am Break
11.00am: Lesson 3
11.50am: Lesson 4
12.40pm – 1.20pm: Lunch Years 7, 9 & 11
1.20pm: Lesson 5
2.10pm: Lesson 6
3.00pm: Finish

Year 8 & 10 Students

8.30am: Registration
9.00am: Lesson 1
9.50am: Lesson 2
10.40am Break
11.00am: Lesson 3
11.50am: Lesson 4
12.40pm: Lesson 5
1.30pm – 2.10pm: Lunch Years 8 & 10
2.10pm: Lesson 6
3.00pm: Finish

Phased return to school Start 7th September

Your school, Your time, Your future

All students will be returning on Thursday 7th September

- Year 7: 8.30 am through the Front Gate front Gate
- Year 8 – 11: 10.30am from the back gate for morning break with all students in their tutor group rooms by 10.50am.

Form Rooms

- Year 7: Forms Rooms on the Ground Floor and Art Rooms
- Year 8: Form Rooms in the Humanities Corridor.
- Year 9: Form Rooms in the Science Corridor.
- Year 10: Form Rooms in the English Corridor.
- Year 11: Form Rooms in the Maths Corridor.

Lessons will start at Period 4 with a series of assemblies on the first day for all year groups.

Meeting the Head of Year and Co-Headteachers

There will be a series of Welcome Back meetings and an opportunity to meet the Head of Year. This will be an opportunity to meet key people, as well as hearing about information about the year ahead.

Year 7 on Wednesday 6th September at 6.00pm This will be an online event

Year 8 on Thursday 7th September at 6pm. This will be an online event

Year 9 on Tuesday 12th September at 6pm. This will be an online event

Year 10 on Wednesday 13th September at 6pm. This will be an online event

Year 11 on Thursday 14th September at 6pm. This will be an online event

School Dinners

Olive our catering partners will continue to offer a range of snacks at breacktime service from 10:40am to 10:55am. Please kindly ensure that your child/children have a nutritious breakfast before leaving home for school. The school also offers a breakfast club where students can also buy a healthy and nutritious breakfast, the breakfast club runs from 7.55-8.25. Please do not give money to your child/children to 'buy breakfast' on the way to school as children often make poor choices in shops, buying sweets and caffeine rich energy drinks. We know that these types of products can adversely affect behaviour of children in school. Please note that energy drinks and fizzy drinks are items that are banned from school site and will be confiscated if they are brought into school. Lunchtime offer remains the same.

School Uniform

Thank you to you all for supporting the school's uniform policy and expectations so strongly. This means a lot to us and helps to reinforce the consistency and high expectations you have of us and we have of the

young people and the staff of the school. **From September, all students are expected to be in full school uniform everyday rather than PE kit on their timetabled PE days.** We are returning to students changing for PE on the days that they are timetabled to have PE. Students are expected to be in the Conisborough College PE Uniform and any deviation from this will not be acceptable. The expectations and dress code have not changed. Please check your child's jewellery before they leave in the morning; students are permitted one stud earring only in each ear. Our school trousers are grey, not black or almost black and long acrylic false nails are not to be worn. We will expect any over long and large acrylic nails to be removed within 24 hours of them being seen and reported to you. We are now enforcing this strictly before students return in September, we ask that parents check uniform carefully with them and go through the expectations.

Our expectations are that all students must be in full and accurate uniform from the first day, Thursday 7th September, including lanyards. This is a compulsory part of the uniform and cards and lanyards must be worn at all times. This is the same expectation for staff. The uniform expectations are known. Where there is a departure from uniform, there will be an initial contact with home, after this, students will be removed from the classroom as we do have a clear Uniform Policy and expectations that it is worn correctly at all times.

We do not accept any changes to the wearing of the uniform. We do not expect jumpers to be pulled tight. We do not expect students to wear more than one pair of trousers at a time. This is an issue with boys in the main who then rip their trousers playing football or basketball at break or lunchtime. Added to this, all school trousers are to be worn around the waist and are mid-grey in colour, not dark grey or black. The tie is worn to the waist at all times and not tied in such a way that it is short.

We are always happy to receive clean items of uniform in good wearable condition. This helps us to support families in need and to cater for the inevitable mishaps that occur with uniform items during the normal wear and tear of the school day. Please bring any donations you might have to school reception. Blazers and ties are particularly appreciated – being either the costliest or most 'lost' items of uniform for students' families. Do remember to label items of clothing so that we are able to return them to their rightful owners if lost.

Staff Leavers and Starters

We say thank you and farewell to staff of the school as ever at this time of year and also welcome new staff to the school. A big thank you and good luck to our colleagues who are going onto new roles and welcome to our new colleagues who join us in September. We would particularly like to thank both Will Conn and Sam Aylward, Assistant Headteachers, who left us this term after many years of loyal service at Conisborough College. They have made a genuine contribution to the school over time. They will be missed by students, staff and parents alike. We wish them every success in their new roles.

Leavers	Starters
Ms Rolle- MFL Teacher	Mr Dunkley -Maths Teacher & Lead Teacher for Behaviour
Ms Osbourne – MFL Teacher	Ms Edwards – Head of PE
Ms Tutak – Drama Teacher	Mr Bowler – PE Teacher
Ms Zakrzewska – History Teacher	Mr Sonanburg – Head of MFL
Ms Stevens – Maths Teacher	Mr Aiello – MFL Teacher
Mr Pathmanethan – Maths Teacher	Ms Carvahlo – Drama Teacher
Ms King – Attendance Officer	Mr Victorin – Teaching Assistant
Ms Lofthouse – Medical Officer	
Ms Philips – PE Teacher & Lead Teacher for Personal Development	
Ms Kurasiwicz – English Teacher & Lead Teacher for ECTs & ITT	
Mr Williams-Parker Head of PE	

Contacting us School Year Dates

A reminder about your personal contact details: We must have your correct contact details for safeguarding and well-being purposes. We will contact you by phone, text message, e-mail, website or letter.

Please check our website for future events or meetings as this will be updated weekly and there is a user-friendly calendar which will provide you with information like Parents Evening, Sports Day, Music Concerts etc. As the start of term rolls out, there will be new information coming out, however, we do not wish to overwhelm people at this stage.

Below are the academic year dates and also the dates of the school training days when students will not be in school.

GCSE Results day	Thursday 24 th August 2023
Training days for staff only	Monday 4 th – Wednesday 6 th September 2023 Tuesday 8 th January 2024
All students into school	Thursday 7 th September 2023. Details above

Autumn Term 2023

Term 1: 7th September – 20th October

Half term: 23rd - 27th October 23

Term 2: 30th October – 20th December

School Closed: 4th December

Christmas Holiday: 20th December – 8th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Term 3: 9th January – 9th February

Half term: 12th - 16th February

Term 4: 19th February – 28th March

Easter Holiday: 29th March – 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term 5: 15th April – 24th May

Half term: 27th – 31st May

Term 6: 3rd June – 25th July

May bank Holiday: 6th May

School Closed: 21st June

Have a safe and happy summer break.

Kind regards

Best wishes

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