

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to share some important news about the arrangements for the end of term and some exciting plans for the new academic year.

Most of our students have now completed their assessments for the year and we are now spending valuable time to teach the topics that need consolidating. All parents will receive a final report with these results before the end of term.

There are lots of activities going on at the end of term and I wanted to share these with you.

Sports day for years 7 – 9 will take place on **Tuesday 16th July**. All students should arrive at school at the usual time, wearing their full PE kit and their house colour shirt. We anticipate that students will return in their coaches from Wimbledon athletics track at approximately 4.30pm.

University trips will be running for all students in year 10 on **Tuesday 16th July**. Students should be on site at the usual time so they can be taken to their respective university: Greenwich, Oxford College Cambridge, Roehampton's and Kings. They will return at approximately 3.15pm. The trips to Oxford will leave slightly earlier at 8.15am and return at approximately 4.30pm. Year 10 will spend the rest of the week at Lambeth College for their work related learning activities. This will give them an opportunity to plan and think about their careers.

Our awards ceremony will take place on **Friday 19th July** and as always parents of award winners will be invited to attend. Students will be leaving at the earlier time of 2.30pm on this day.

Our rewards trip to Thorpe Park is taking place on **Monday 22nd July**. Any student who is not going on the trip must attend school as there will be lessons and activities going on.

We will also be holding our international summer fair on **Tuesday 23rd July**. Parents are warmly invited to attend. Money made will be going to charity and any parents wanting to be involved in the organisation of this event should contact Mareca Laing mareca.laing@evelyngraceacademy.org. This was a fabulous event last year. Not only did we have fun, our students and staff wore cultural dress to celebrate all of our diverse backgrounds, of which we are very proud. Students should be on site for 10am and the event will finish at 12.30pm.

I am very excited to tell you that we will be re-launching our house system in 2019.20. Every student and teacher will be a member of a house and we are currently interviewing to appoint a head of each of our houses: Effra, Brockwell, Windrush and Ashby. We will be running lots of inter-house competitions next year to promote our sense of community and pride. I look forward to updating you about this in the new year.

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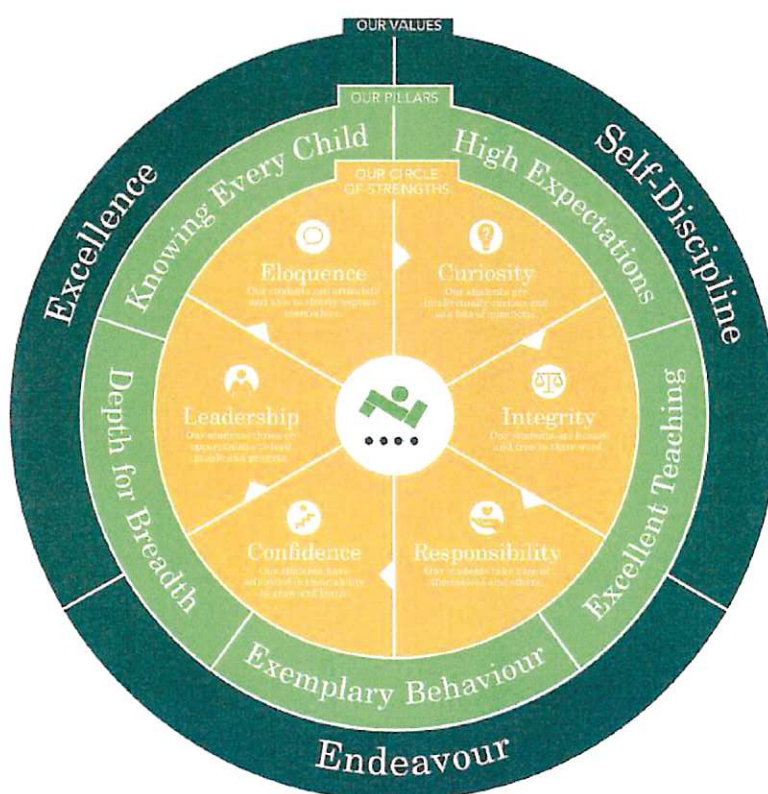


As a means of inducting our year 10s into key stage four and their GCSEs we will be taking them all on a residential on **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September 2019**. This will be at the Bushcraft camp. You should have received a letter about this already as a payment needs to be made. If you need further details please contact Mr Morrissey on norris.morrissey@evelyngraceacademy.org

Year 7 Induction will be run on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September 2019. All year groups start school on Monday 9th September. Gates open at 8am as usual. We are having a slight break from tradition and year 10 students will be expected to continue to use EGA bags and the girls will continue to wear ties. Not only does this make them look smart it also ensures that every student has an appropriate bag which will fit all their books and equipment.

All our new year 7 parents are invited to attend our parents' information evening on **Thursday 5th September 2019** starting 5pm until 5.45pm.

We will be slightly adjusting the structure of the school day in 2019.20. We want to give more time over to Tutor Time and assembly so that we are delivering our character curriculum which will help our students develop our students' CIRCLE of character strengths, these can be seen below. This will provide us with an opportunity to help every student develop the kind of characteristics which will help them live by and achieve our school motto: "Cleverer and kinder every day".



Our morning arrival has been a real success this year and has contributed to improved punctuality and a very calm start to the day. To gain further benefit from this we will also have an afternoon arrival so that we can secure a punctual and calm start to the afternoon's lessons.

The structure of the day will be as follows:

Timing	Period
08.30 – 08.50	Tutor Time and assembly
08.50 – 09.45	Period 1
09.45 – 10.40	Period 2
10.40 – 10.55	Break
10.55 – 11.50	Period 3
11.50 – 12.45	Period 4
12.45 – 01.25	Lunch
01.25 – 02.20	Period 5
02.20 – 03.15	Period 6
03.20 – 04.15	Enrichment & Intervention

If I do not see you at any of our upcoming events, I trust that you will all have a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Yours faithfully



Tim Dainty
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