

20 July 2023

Dear parents/carers

I would like to start by thanking you for your support over this last academic year.

We have had a large number of school events over this past year both individual school related and also federatively. Having the individuality of the schools as well as the combined benefit of the federation is a real strength. The opportunities are wider and the experiences richer.

We will be welcoming our new Head of School, Mr Pearce-Jones, from the start of September. Mr Pearce-Jones, brings a wealth of experience and will be a huge asset to the Federation. He will be a consistent daily figurehead for all of our students, which is vitally important to support the next steps in the school's improvement journey. Please support us in making him feel welcome.

As previously explained, I will be remaining as Executive Headteacher for the Isle of Wight Education Federation, so will have more capacity to monitor progress and improvement across all of the sites.

Please see below for information relating to the start of term.

Friday 1 September	Development Day
Monday 4 September	Development Day
Tuesday 5 September	Year 7 and Year 11 only return to school
Wednesday 6 September	All year groups return to school

As we shared with you in a letter earlier this term, the school day will be changing by five minutes per day. The school day will start, as it does now at 8.45 am, and will finish, five minutes later at 3.15 pm.

The school day will be broken down as follows:

08.45 - 09.15 Tutor Time
09.15 - 10.15 Period 1
10.15 - 10.35 Break
10.35 - 11.35 Period 2
11.35 - 12.35 Period 3
12.35 - 13.15 Lunch
13.15 - 14.15 Period 4
14.15 - 15.15 Period 5

We are moving to a new online payments system over the summer, so School Gateway will no longer be used for this, it will now be within the Arbor Parent App. Please have a look at the information on our website, linked [here](#). If you have not already done so, you will need to set up

your account on the Arbor Parent Portal by using the link that has previously been sent to you and selecting 'First Time Logging In'. If you need this to be resent, then please contact medina@iwef.org.uk. I would like to remind you that the App also enables you to receive in app communications for the school, view your child's attendance, reward points, behaviour points and timetable. Please can I also take this opportunity to ask you to check that you have ensured that emails from the school do not go into your 'junk/spam' boxes.

Please can we remind you of our basic expectations. Students need to:

- Arrive on time for school, which starts at 8.45am. Lateness is challenged.
- Wear full school uniform - details can be found [here](#) - no other items should be worn. Students not meeting uniform expectations will receive a sanction. PE uniform must be brought to school, and worn on appropriate days.
- Be prepared for the day with appropriate equipment
- Engage in all of their lessons. Good behaviour for learning is essential.
- Respect and adhere to our behaviour expectations.

All students need to remember our core values



Next year will be important to each and every student in each year group. Every academic year brings new experiences and sometimes challenges. We all need to remember that it is ok to feel nervous and to find some things difficult. It is how we deal with these emotions and situations which is important. We are not only teaching children academic content, we are also teaching them to be rounded individuals. Students who do not meet our expectations will be challenged.

Matthew Parr-Burman
Executive Headteacher