

September 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and wish you all a warm welcome to the new academic year. I especially welcome the families of new Blue Ties in Year 7 and those with students joining the Sixth Form.

In addition I would like to welcome the following new staff who have joined us this term:

Mr A Abdalla (Teacher of Maths), Mrs K Ales (Teacher of Art), Miss M Bolashodun (Learning Support Assistant), Mr A Belli (Teacher of Modern Languages), Mrs A Boles (Cover Supervisor – Blue Faculty), Miss K Chimonides, (Teacher of English), Mr S Clenaghan (Learning Support Assistant), Mr R Collins (Learning Support Supervisor), Mr S Farrell (Teacher of Maths), Mr P Gbadeyan (Teacher of History), Mr R Goodey (School Staff Instructor for CCF), Mr S Grime (Learning Support Assistant), Mr F Hand (Teacher of English), Ms E Johnson (Teacher of Maths), Mr I Koorjee (Teacher of Science), Ms S Lawrence (Learning Support Assistant), Miss A Liao (Teacher of Science), Mr M Mahfuzh (Teacher of Maths), Mr M Makiadi (Learning Support Assistant), Mr N Mandalia (Teacher of Science), Miss P Miah (Teacher of RE), Mr L Morrissey (STEM Co-ordinator), Miss E Olasebikan (Learning Support Assistant), Mr N Rushworth (Teacher of Science), Miss L Sheridan (Teacher of Geography), Mr G Suleiman (Teacher of Computer Science), Mr S Watkin (Teacher of History), Ms A Waugh (Teacher of Modern Languages)

We have had a good start to the new term, pupils have settled in well and we are all ready for an excellent year of study and personal development. You will be pleased to hear that Ernest Bevin College has obtained a superb set of examination results both at GCSE and A Level. We are very proud of our pupils' achievements – with well over 100 pupils off to university.

GCSE

There is a new reporting scale for English and Maths of 9 - 1 which replaces A* - C. All other subjects are being reported as A* - C for one more year.

- 63% of our Year 11 cohort obtained both English and Maths Grade 4 or above (old grade C)
- 71% of our Year 11 cohort obtained English Grade 4 or above
- 71% of our Year 11 cohort obtained Maths Grade 4 or above
- 32% of our Year 11 cohort obtained the EBacc (English, Maths, two Sciences, a Modern Foreign Language and either History or Geography)

Sixth Form

The school has obtained some of the best results in Year 13 in recent years.

- 63% of A Level entries were at grades A* – C
- 71% of Level 3 BTEC entries were Distinctions – Distinctions*
- 92% of Level 3 BTEC entries were at least a Merit
- Over a hundred pupils have a place at university

I am delighted and very proud of the achievements of all our pupils and want to take the opportunity to thank all the staff, pupils and parents for their hard work in ensuring successful outcomes for these young people.

You will find more information included in this mail shot which will help you plan for the year ahead:

- a) the college calendar which includes key dates for the year
- b) A Guide for Families which has important information to enable you to support your child at school
- c) the Phoenix Magazine

Uniform for Years 7 – 11

In order to maintain our high standards, can we remind you of our uniform code, details of which can also be found in the student planner.

Every pupil in Year 7 to 11 is expected to wear compulsory uniform of a black blazer with the college badge and tie, black trousers and black leather shoes. Shirts should be white and jumpers black with a V-neck without logo or branding.

Please support us in the ethos of our expectations around presentation by ensuring that your son has an appropriate hair cut – without patterns, notches or extreme styles. If you are in any doubt – please ask his Head of Year or tutor before paying for clothing or haircuts.

The following non-uniform items and other articles should not be worn / brought to college and are not allowed on the college site:

- Hooded tops
- Outdoor coats with logos or with a hooded top attached to the coat
- Outdoor coats should not be worn inside the buildings
- Plain woolly hats may be worn in the playground from November until Easter
- No caps are to be worn on the college site at any time
- Trainers – except for PE lessons
- Canvas shoes
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices, including headphones
- Pouches

You can expect your son to have prohibited items confiscated should they be seen by a member of staff; please ensure that they leave home properly prepared for a successful day.

For Years 12 – 13

The following items and other articles are not allowed to be worn:

- Hooded tops
- Tracksuit tops and bottoms
- Hats – these may not be worn anywhere on the college site (including the playground areas) after the Easter break until October half term
- No caps are to be worn on the college site at any time

You can expect your son to have prohibited items confiscated should they be seen by a member of staff; please ensure that they leave home properly prepared for a successful day.

For Years 7 – 13

Banned items – all types of knives and pocket knives, alcohol, fireworks and any sort of weapon, imitation firearm or harmful chemicals.

Bringing any of these items into the college is likely, at the Principal's discretion, to result in a recommendation to the Governors of the college for a permanent exclusion.

We would also like to remind you of the importance we place on attendance and punctuality. Numerous studies show poor attendance and lateness results in under achievement for young people. We are also keen to develop the key life skills of reliability and organisation.

Generally, the college day ends at 3.30pm but there are a number of after school activities which your son may choose to take part in and the playground is supervised until 5.30pm. Please check with your son if he intends to remain at school as it can be difficult to locate students after formal lessons have finished. Members of staff supervise students at the end of the school day as they leave the college and wait at nearby bus stops. We ask that students do not loiter in local streets after college out of respect to our neighbours.

School will be closing at 2.45pm (end of Period 5) on Tuesday 4th October, in order to allow staff to prepare for our Open Evening for Year 6 parents.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you in ensuring that your son /daughter achieves to the best of their ability.

Yours faithfully



Rukhsana Sheikh
Principal

