

23 July 2021

Dear Parent

Year 7 - End of Summer Term and Academic Year 2020/21

I am sure you will agree that this school year seems to have flown by at an incredible pace. In many ways it barely feels like more than a few weeks since I was writing to you to introduce you and your child to Year 7. It has been a real privilege to see every student in the year group embrace the school motto '*Lead, Believe, Create, Succeed*' and make the most of this first year of secondary school. Every student has something to be proud of from their efforts this academic year – whether it is in terms of their behaviour, attendance, academic attainment or a combination of all three. I continue to be incredibly proud of Year 7 and every student in the year group.

It almost goes without saying that it has been a very strange year at Lees Brook. Covid-19 has had an impact on almost every aspect of school life. Staff and students have had to get used to working in ways that have felt very different and I want to once again express my thanks to all students in the year group for the way that they have embraced these fully, helping ensure everyone can learn safely and securely whilst at school.

Looking ahead to next year, students will return to school on Monday 6th September 2021. Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September are INSET days and the school will be closed to students. Next year there will be a number of changes to school systems and more information about these will follow in due course. For this year group, I expect that these changes will be welcomed and allow them to take part in the wide range of extracurricular opportunities that they have not been able to access throughout this year.

One change that I want to mention specifically is to the pastoral support for the year group. This will be in harmony with other schools across the Archway Learning Trust and offer students and parents greater access to the pastoral support we provide in school day-to-day. In September, the school will no longer have Heads of Year that also teach. Instead, these roles will be fulfilled by non-teaching members of staff who will be known as Year Leaders. Each year group will have a Year Leader and they will introduce themselves at the beginning of the new academic year. I already know what a fantastic group of students they will be working with and look forward to seeing all students making a positive first impression in September. Additionally this year, we will be saying farewell to two amazing form tutors from our Year 7 team – Mr Thompson and Mr Upton. I am sure students in their tutor groups and their parents will join me in wishing both members of staff well for the future and thank them for the incredible support and encouragement they have given to Year 7 throughout this year. I have the privilege of taking over from Mr Upton as the new form tutor for 7UPJ and I am very excited to continue to work with this year group of students – and the team will be joined by Mr Hollingshurst as the new form tutor for 7THG. The form tutors for most other tutor groups will be remaining the same as they have been this year:

Year 7 Tutor Group Name	Year 8 Form Tutor	Year 8 Tutor Group Name
7BAH	Mr Thomas / Miss Barratt	8THA
7BRJ	Mr Brown	8BRJ
7ELL	Mrs Ellingham	8ELL
7HEY	Miss Hencliffe	8HEY
7RLM	Miss Riley	8RLM
7THG	Mr Hollingshurst	8HOB
7UPJ	Mr Moore	8MOC
7WAM	Miss Wagg	8WAM

As ever, it is vitally important that your child is set up for success when they return to school on Monday 6th September 2021. Please ensure that your child has all the necessary uniform, PE/dance kit and other equipment that they will need for learning. I am sure you are aware of the required items by now – however if you would like to check, full details of these are available via our website: http://leesbrook.co.uk/images/Websitefiles/2021/GeneralInformation/School_brochure_2021.pdf

As this will be the final letter that I write to you all in my capacity as Head of Year, I wanted to express once again my sincere gratitude for the support you have shown to the school throughout your child's first year of secondary education. It has been a genuine pleasure to get to know everyone throughout the year and I am sure that this cohort of students will continue to achieve highly, whilst continuing to fully embrace the school's motto: 'Lead, Believe, Create, Succeed'. I would like to take this final opportunity to wish your child, you and your family a happy and safe summer holiday and I look forward to seeing all students back in school in September.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Moore
Head of Year 7