

Dear Parents

Here is the final bulletin before the start of term with important reminders before the boys begin. We can't wait to see them on Wednesday.

YEAR 3

Meet the Tutor & Information Evening for Parents of Y3-5 boys, Tues 12th September

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Y3 Trip to Ickwell, Tuesday 12th September

This term our Y3 boys will have an opportunity to participate in a team building trip to our nature reserve site at Ickwell during the school day to do some bush craft. For further information please see [here](#). To sign your son up please can you complete the form [here](#) by Sunday 10th September.

Y3 Hungry Boys' Club

The Hungry Boys' Club is an after school cookery club where boys learn how to cook different recipes to bring home. Run by Mrs Carrington in the school dining halls, the club starts on Tuesday 3rd October and places are limited. For further information on how to sign your son up please see [here](#).

Y3-4 Games and PE Information - autumn term

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Y4-5 Saturday Morning Sports Activities

Saturday morning Rugby and Hockey will be available this term on the dates below. This is available to all boys in Year 4 and 5. Please can boys bring the correct kit for the sport plus

water and snacks. Boys do not have to do both sports if they do not wish to. These sessions are not compulsory but are there to enhance their development and enjoyment of the sports.

9am -10am Rugby on Main Field meet at Langham Pavilion

10.15am -11.15am Hockey on Philpotts Astro

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16th Sept (Y4 only. Y5 Fixture)

30th Sept

4th Nov

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Y5-8 Games and PE Information - autumn term

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ALL PS YEAR GROUPS

Start of term

For all boys, the start of term is **Wednesday 6th September** and we are looking forward to seeing the boys then.

Uniform

Boys are expected to be in full uniform (not summer uniform) on the first day. We expect boys to look smart, take care of their appearance and ideally return with a suitable haircut which is described in our school rules as 'neat and tidy and of an acceptable style (not below the ears or collar, off the face and not over the eyes) and a uniform length, and any form of dyeing or use of hair gel etc. is unacceptable.' A reminder please, to ensure all school kit is named. White shirts are only worn at formal events such as the Carol Services or House Singing, or when representing the school, for example at an away fixture.

Programme for the first day

Registration starts at 8.35am and will take place in your son's tutor room. If you are not sure where to go, there will be plenty of teachers around in the morning and you should ask them. The first period will be a tutor period which will allow tutors to distribute prep diaries, run through timetables and explain where lessons take place, remind boys of our expectations, give timings of music lessons and bus timings, and check boys have the correct equipment. For new boys it will be a chance to reunite with their buddy, or be allocated one if they haven't already. We don't expect boys to get everything right on the first day, and encourage them to ask if they have a question.

Pick-up and Drop off

As usual, please note that cars are not permitted in the Prep School in the morning, although are able to pick up in the evening at 4pm. Please drive very carefully on site. We would like to politely remind you that there is no supervision in school until 8am so boys should not be on the estate then. If you need to drop off earlier than 8am, we do run a day plus service, which allows you to drop off at the boarding house at 7.30am where your son will join the boarders for breakfast. If you wish to take up this option, please communicate with our boarding Housemaster, Mr Lincoln at slincoln@bedfordschool.org.uk

Buses

Please can you ensure that if your son is catching a bus to or from school, he is aware of the bus number and the name of the company providing this service.

On the first day back, all new boys catching a bus home will be accompanied to the bus stop by a member of staff so it is essential that the school has the correct information.

Healthy Snack

A reminder that boys are only allowed to bring a healthy snack such as fruit (no nuts please) and a bottle of water. We recommend that boys eat a full lunch at the dining hall; the choice is excellent and the catering staff are more than willing to help.

Saturday School

A reminder that Saturday school starts in Year 6, so we look forward to seeing Year 6 boys for their first taste of Saturday school on 9th September. Saturday school starts at 8:35 and finishes at 11:40.

For the calendar please click [here](#)

For sports fixtures please click [here](#)

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
04/09/2017	08:35	16:10	Staff INSET day
05/09/2017	08:35	16:10	Prep School Staff Meetings and Training day
06/09/2017	08:40		Term begins
07/09/2017	09:00	11:00	OPRO Mouthguard fitting
08/09/2017	13:00	16:10	Prep School Boys' Individual School Photographs
11/09/2017	17:45	19:30	Boarders' BBQ at Sussex House
12/09/2017	08:50	16:05	Y3 Trip to Ickwell
12/09/2017	18:00	20:00	Information evening and meet the tutor evening for Y3-5 parents
14/09/2017	18:00	20:00	Information evening and meet the Form Tutor evening for Y6-8 parents
16/09/2017	08:30	12:30	Prep Guild Macmillan Coffee Morning

This term's letters are also available to view in the Parents' section on the school website on the [Parents' Letters Page](#)

For details on all the concerts, exhibitions and lectures this term, please see the [What's On Page](#)