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23 August 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great pleasure we welcome students back for another year at West Exe.

West Exe students have been celebrating today, what are likely to be the schools best ever results. They have secured excellent results in their GCSEs, with 55% of all exam results being at grades 9-5. Our results in Maths and English have improved again, with 7 out of 10 students securing a pass in the 'Basics' (English and Maths GCSEs), with 65% of students attaining the old measure of 5 GCSE Grades including English and Maths at C or above.

Information for the start of term

Just to confirm, we are welcoming back students from Years 7 and Year 11 only **on Wednesday, 5 September 2018** at 0840. Year 8, 9 & 10 will be starting at 0840 on **Thursday, 6 September 2018**.

Timetables, planners and Knowledge Books will be issued to students by the Tutors on their first day back. They will not need their PE kit for their first day.

On Thursday, 6 September, as part of their induction back to School, Year 7, 10 and 11 have team building activities planned. They will need to bring a change of footwear (trainers) for this and for girls wearing skirts, they will need to bring a pair of shorts that they can put on underneath their skirt.

School Day

The school day will remain as last year, including break times. Tutor time begins promptly at 0840 and a warning bell will sound at 0835. Students need to arrive at West Exe with full uniform and equipped for the day ahead.

Uniform

Students at West Exe are regularly complimented for being smart and should be proud of this. The uniform policy has been refined and time has been given over the summer holidays to ensure all students have the correct uniform ready to start in September. Tutors will be completing daily checks for correct uniform and students will be awarded a daily merit when they have both the correct equipment and uniform in place.

Rewards

Rewarding students' achievements is at the heart of our Behaviour Policy at West Exe School. We regularly celebrate the success of all students in a variety of ways, as we recognise that focussing on success and positive outcomes is essential to developing a positive culture and ethos.

On a day to day basis, merits are used by staff to reward positive behaviour and these are given through ClassCharts. When students reach significant merit milestones they receive merit badges. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum badges are given to students achieving over 100, 200, 400 & 800 merits. A Headteacher's Commendation is awarded for students achieving 1000 merits.

For those who have demonstrated exceptional achievement, either in school or as part of an extra-curricular activity, a Headteacher Award Certificate and pen are given to students. A letter is also sent home to inform parents about the Award.



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Ready To Learn

The behaviour policy will continue as last year, with Ready to Learn at its heart. If anyone has any questions regarding the policy please do not hesitate to contact Simon Weir, simon.weir@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Form Tutors and Heads of Year

Form Tutors and Heads of Year offer a good first point of call; however, all staff email addresses can be found on line or in student planners. It is expected that you will receive a reply to any query within a maximum of 2 working days. If this does not happen please let me know so we can follow up.

Nicky Lewis	Head of Year 7	nicky.lewis@westexe.devon.sch.uk
Charlotte Froom	Head of Year 8	charlotte.froom@westexe.devon.sch.uk
Hugh O'Shea	Head of Year 9	hugh.oshea@westexe.devon.sch.uk
Jim Putt	Head of Year 10	jim.putt@westexe.devon.sch.uk
Paul Fidler	Head of Year 11	paul.fidler@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Parents group

The Parents Group last met on Tuesday, 19 June. Thank you to all those involved with the group. The next meeting is Thursday, 27 September 2018 at 6pm. If you are interested in attending the meetings and being a part of this group then please do contact Chloe Fox at chloe.fox@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Key Info

Attached to this letter you will find key information about this coming year.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back for what we expect to be another excellent year at West Exe School.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or suggestions for future communications please do let me know via headteacher@westexe.devon.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Rutherford
Headteacher