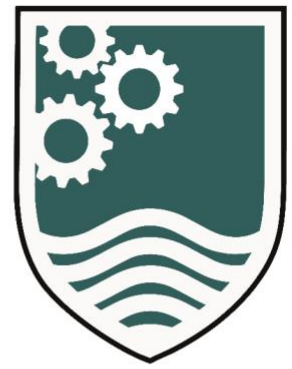


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Building **successful, resilient** and **confident** individuals.

Our curriculum provides pupils with the **knowledge, skills** and enriching **opportunities** to thrive in their chosen **career** path, and make valuable and **informed contributions** to a modern society.

OUR VALUES

Valuable contribution
Attempting school
Lead respectful lives
Understanding towards others
Everyone is equal
Self motivated to achieve

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems incredible that another school year has come and gone, seemingly in the blinking of an eye. But here we are, on the cusp of another long summer break. It seems unbelievable then, that in just over six weeks we will all be returning to school, with the first hints of Autumn lurking mischievously around the corner and, beyond that, the sound of jingle bells in our shops; how time flies!

This letter mostly consists of some **reminders** of things that are already in place in school which your child will need to know about to make a successful start in September. But first of all, we'd like to share with you some exciting developments to our school buildings.

Pupils won't believe the difference when they return in September!

Even though we fully expect Bloxwich Academy to be fully rebuilt in the not-too-distant future, we are investing heavily in the buildings we already have so that our current pupils have an environment in which they can thrive.

- Our brand-new canteen conservatory will be completed.
- School reception will be bigger, brighter and more welcoming to our guests and parents/carers.
- Our classrooms and corridors will have been revamped and freshened up.
- Our new toilet block will be opened, allowing pupils easier access to toilet facilities.
- Our hall is having a refit, with a high-definition projector and projection screen, allowing us to use it for assemblies, multimedia, and for training our staff.
- We have also purchased a superb stage lighting system, allowing us to illuminate our dazzling stage performances with state-of-the-art technology.
- The school values will be emblazoned on each wall, in every room and office!

Reminders

Keeping your children safe in the holidays

As much as the summer holidays are a wonderful time, there are any number of risks associated with children spending extended periods of time unsupervised, including playing by canals, by busy roads or train tracks, on parks or visiting unfamiliar city centres to meet friends. With this in mind, we want to remind our pupils to keep themselves safe, to let parents or carers know where they are at all times.

You may wish to download a phone tracking app such as Life360 or ensure that you are able to track your child's phone by turning on the 'share my location' option.



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Remember our school standards and expectations

It is vitally important that our pupils remember they represent Bloxwich Academy when they are in uniform, and even when they are not. **The government legislation states that schools have the right to sanction its pupils when not in school or even in uniform, should their behaviour pose a risk to another pupil, a member of staff, or bring the school's name into disrepute.** As parents/carers I would ask that all give their full support to the school's behaviour and attendance policies, as so many of you already do, ensuring that all children wear full uniform with pride, arrive to school on time each day, and make a valuable contribution to every lesson.

Basic systems, uniform, and equipment standards to remember

- Pupils will be expected to arrive in full school uniform, including a bag, and a pencil case containing the minimum of a pen, pencil, and a ruler, and be in line by 8:35am.
- Pupils will need to remember their planner every day and show it at line-up. All pupils will be issued with a new planner on their first day in school.
- Detentions are sat on the same day, and failure to sit a detention will result in a day in the remove room, where pupils will work under the supervision of a Senior Leader or Head of House. Refusal to sit a detention may result in a suspension.
- No fake eyelashes, leggings, short skirts, nose or tongue studs, hooped earrings, or bracelets.
- No trainers, crocs, or boots. This includes Dr Martens style boots.
- No hoodies, branded tops or coats are to be worn beneath the blazer. No coats are to be worn in the building.

6th form students are expected to wear office smart clothing to school.

Return dates

Year 7 will return on the 3rd of September – 8:15am to 8:30am

We do recognise that, as parents/carers, you will want to be around to say goodbye to your children on their first day at secondary school, so in the interest of safety you can accompany your children inside the front gates onto the grass area between the perimeter fence and the internal green fence, allowing you to give what hugs and smiles they may need to settle their nerves.

Parents/carers will not be permitted through the green internal gates into the main school playground.

Year 8 will return on the 4th of September - 8:15am to 8:30am

Year 9 will return on the 4th of September – 9:10am

Year 10 will return on the 4th of September – 9:45 am

Year 11 will return on the 4th of September – 10:20am

Please remember that the school day will end at 3:10pm for all year groups as of September 2024.

Key date: Thursday 12th of September

This day will be a 1.00pm finish for all pupils as we invite the Year 6 primary school pupils in for open evening.

[Calendar – Term Dates – Bloxwich Academy](#)

I know that the vast majority of parents/carers are already completely with us, working alongside us every step of the way, as we strive to create a learning environment that Bloxwich deserves, a school that believes in its pupils, a school that believes in community, and in the families we serve.



I know I speak for the whole staff body at Bloxwich Academy in wishing you a relaxing, warm, and sunny summer break, and look forward with anticipation, to greeting our wonderful pupils back in September.

Important dates

17th October 2024 – Year 7 Settling in Evening
28th November 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening
5th December 2024 – Year 11 & KS5 Parents' Evening
23rd January 2025 – Year 9 Parents' Evening
6th February 2025 – Year 7 Parents' Evening
6th March 2025 – Year 10 Parents' Evening
1st May 2025 – Year 11 Parents' Evening 2

Yours sincerely



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