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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we head into the last half term of this academic year, I can't believe that a whole school year has almost gone in what seems like the blink of an eye. It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming the boys back in September following the summer holidays.

As we head towards the summer, we are planning some changes for September which include:

Changes to the school day.

I'm sure that parents are aware that the schools extended day provision ends in July. To ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our pupils we are also looking to change the length of the school day from September. This is for a number of reasons including:

- The amount of time that pupils spend being transported by taxi to and from school. (The average length of time is approximately 45 mins each way, but some pupils have much longer journeys).
- Shortening the length of the school day will reduce the impact on the boys' mental health. This is particularly important at a school like Brompton where many of the pupils have mental health and anxiety issues.
- Reducing the school day will give staff more time to ensure that lessons are adapted to meet the needs of all pupils.

Therefore, from September the length of the school day will be altered as follows:

Monday:	08.45 until 15.00
Tuesday:	08.45 until 15.00
Wednesday:	08.45 until 15.00
Thursday:	08.45 until 15.00
Friday:	08.45 until 13.45

Changes to the organisation of the school

Another change that is taking place is the move to class teaching for pupils in Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 & 9). That means that pupils will be taught by their class teacher each day rather than moving from teacher to teacher for each subject. This allows our pupils to build relationships with trusted adults, develop clear systems and routines that our pupils need to reduce their anxiety.

To prepare pupils for this change pupils will move to their new classes with their new teachers on 24th June 2024. This will allow pupils time to adjust to the new structure before the summer break and reduce any anxiety they may have.

Building Works

The work on creating a dedicated primary unit is currently underway. Work on the 3 new classrooms that were once part of Bransdale is on track and the new primary entrance and cloakroom are completed. All areas will have calm zones where pupils will be able to go if they need some time out. The next phase is to fence off the primary playground.

Breakfast and Lunch times

The changes to breakfast and lunchtimes have been a great success with primary pupils using the main dining hall for both since Easter. The pupils being able to pre-order their lunches using our new system School Grid has worked very well.

Behaviour Policy

The new school behaviour policy has been reviewed and agreed by Governors. Please find a copy attached with this email for your information.

School Uniform.

Just a quick reminder that all pupils are expected to come to school in uniform. Pupils wearing uniform will receive rewards in line with our new rewards policy. Uniform can be ordered and paid for using the school portal, if you require further information, please get in touch with the School Office.



Vapes

Any pupil who comes to school with a vape will have it confiscated. It will only be returned to parents. To support pupils who are struggling with smoking, school will support them by working with the NHS to provide a smoking cessation program to help them kick the habit.

Mobile Phones

The new **guidance** from the government says that schools should prohibit the use of mobile phones, but they will have autonomy on how to do this. Some may allow phones to be brought onto the premises but not to be used during school hours, including at breaktime. Therefore, we recommend that mobile phones are not brought to school. If they are brought into school, we will keep them safe until either home time or extended day. They will then be returned to pupils.

Many parents are starting to buy **dumb phones** for their children. These are scaled back models that don't have all the social media apps and as a result are much cheaper. To find out more search for dumb phones on the Internet.

Leavers

We will soon be saying farewell to our year 11's, we are very proud of how hard they have been working in their exams and we wish them all the best for the future, it is also the end of an era with Brompton Hall no longer being a Residential School after 70 years. Big changes all around.

Dates for the rest of the term

Wednesday 5th June	Year 10 out at Careers Fair at Scarborough Rugby Club
Thursday 6th June	Year 7 Careers talk at Flamingo Land
Wednesday 12th June	Year 8 Careers talk at Flamingo Land
Friday 14th June	Last Year 11 exam
Wednesday 19th June	Year 9 & 11 Careers talk at Flamingo Land
Monday 24th June	Pupils in Years 6, 7 & 8 move to new class-based classes.
Monday 1st July	Staff Training Day
Friday 19th July	Break up for summer holiday.
Monday 22nd July	Staff Training Day

Finally, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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