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Dear Families

Re: End of Autumn Term 2023

As we approach the winter holidays, I write to reflect on the term that is ending and look ahead to the new year to come. It has been a huge term for us here at school, with the launch of our first Year 11, welcoming so many new members of our team in September and another fantastic year group of students too. Ofsted came to visit and we were able to show them all that is brilliant about our school community and we welcomed prospective founding families to our primary phase for the very first time. Our Ofsted report was due this week and so I was hoping to be able to share it with you all today but I have been informed that it is a little delayed and will be published after Christmas now. I look forward to being able to share it with you all.

In assembly today we discussed the fact that for some, this particular holiday can be tough. Many in our school community are excited about Christmas and have a lovely winter break planned but some can find the expectations of this season difficult and I have asked our whole school community to be especially considerate of one another, to show empathy and compassion and to be mindful of **saying thank you**, appreciating those that have helped or supported them.

Next term we will focus on punctuality; students often arrive at school at 8.30am and we are keen that they learn the habits that they will need as adults in the workplace, where in most cases you are expected to be at your desk when your working day starts. I have let students know that from January 4th, when lessons start, they must be in their tutor room for 8.30am to be counted as on time. This means that the **school gates will close at 8.25am at which point the late gate will open**. Through our tutor time activities, our assemblies and other activities in school we will be reminding students of the importance of punctuality regularly next term. We want to help students to manage their time efficiently and achieve their goals in life. Students that are late to lessons miss vital information which has a negative impact on their learning and is disruptive for other students. Our overarching message next term is that every minute of education counts.

Please support us in ensuring you check that your child has everything they need to be in full school uniform for the start of term and that they have all the equipment that they need to be successful in lessons.

A reminder that, as per the Bulletin and the Welcome To... events this term, **Wednesday 3rd January is our Meet the Tutor Day** for all year groups. Students will come in with a family member to meet their form tutor face to face; students only come in on that day for their appointment, not for the normal school day. **All students must be in full school uniform for Meet the Tutor Day.**

Admissions Consultation

Bohunt Horsham's Local Governing Body is seeking your views on the proposed draft admission arrangements for the school year 2025/26 and beyond. This consultation will run from 15 December 2023 until 26 January 2024. The School Admissions Code (September 2021) published by the Department for Education, requires all admission authorities to consult on their admission arrangements if they are seeking to make changes from the previous year or if the arrangements have not been subject to a public consultation for at least seven years, to ensure all views are heard. Consultation must be for a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October 2023 and 26 January 2024. The final arrangements must be determined by 28 February 2024.

We are consulting because we have adjusted our Admissions Policy to reflect the nature of our all through school as we open to Primary Phase admissions. The admission arrangements include an admissions policy, a list of school-specific criteria, and the published admission number (PAN). There is no catchment area for Bohunt Horsham. A link to our draft policy is available [on our website](#). Responses should be sent to admissionsconsultation@bohunthorsham.com or by post to the school.

I hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

With best wishes

Ms Ayling

Key dates:

1 January	Bank Holiday
2 January	Inset Day - School closed
3 January	Meet the tutor (open for appointment only)
4 January	Week one timetable resumes
10 January	Year 7 parent/carer consultation evening
20 January	Recruitment open morning
25 January	Year 8 options launch
30 January - 2 February	School production