



July 2023

Dear parents / carers and families

Start of term arrangements for our new Year 7s

In September your child's start to life at Farnborough Spencer Academy will be as detailed below. We are so excited to be welcoming our first ever oversubscribed year group, and can't wait to see you after the summer following this month's transition events.

Thursday 31st August

- Parents of new year 7s to attend the Academy to sign the student and parent pledges. This will take place in our Inclusion Centre at the front of school. Families can drop in within the allotted time slot. Meetings will take no more than 15 minutes.
- If you are unable to attend at these times, please attend at a suitable time within the day between 9am and 3pm. This will give you the chance to ask any last-minute questions and address any concerns before your child's first day on Friday 1st September.
- Tutor Groups A and B – 9:00-11:00
- Tutor Groups C and D - 11:00-13:00
- Tutor Groups E, F and G – 13:00-15:00

Friday 1st September

- All new Year 7 students attend the Academy for a day of induction. Students should be onsite by 08:30 and the day will finish at 15:00. This is a normal school day and attendance is compulsory.
- On Friday 1st September, lunch will be provided for year 7 pupils free of charge whilst we complete the biometric scan and make sure parents are registered for the sQuid system.
- Year 7 students will then attend from Monday 4th September as normal.

Many thanks for your support with this. I have also attached a copy of our term dates for the next academic year. Please ensure that you do not book family holidays during term time. It is essential that students aim to achieve the gold standard of at least 97% attendance to support their achievement.

School uniform and equipment expectations

As we move towards September, I would like to draw your attention to the school's uniform and equipment expectations. An outline of these is available on our website. I have also attached our updated uniform booklet.

<http://www.farnboroughspencer.com/uniform/>

I would particularly urge you to focus on the sections relating to **acceptable trousers/skirt** and **jewellery/make up**. We often have an issue at the start of term with students who have had new piercings. I would like to make it explicitly clear that the **ONLY** jewellery permitted in school is one stud per ear and a wrist watch – **no clear retainers**.

Students must wear the Academy **tie** at all times, those who arrive at school without one, will be provided with a tie at a cost of £7 added to your child's squid account.

We ask that the equipment we provide our students with is treated with respect. Therefore, to keep this safe, we expect that, from September, all students bring a bag big enough to carry all their school equipment. This bag should be big enough to hold several A4 size exercise books.

We loan a calculator to children if they don't have their own. This model is the Casio FX83GT-X. They will keep this calculator until they finish Y11. If the calculator is lost by the child, there will be a charge of £10 added to the child's squid account. If you would like to buy your own, we recommend buying the Casio FX83GT-X, however this is being phased out with the new model of Casio FX83GT-CW for 2023. Minimum requirements are that the calculator must be scientific.

It is important that our students are smartly dressed at school and wear our uniform with pride – students who do not arrive in the correct uniform will be provided the item that they are missing in order for them to attend lessons as normal. This will ensure that there will be no barriers to students attending school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mr G Smith

Executive Principal