

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been an absolute joy working with you and your child(ren) throughout our first ever school session at Winchburgh Academy. As we reach the end of the session, I'd like to take an opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership – this has provided the whole staff team with inspiration during what has been a very unique but extremely successful and enjoyable year.

The growing staff team are looking forward to the summer break but are fully prepared to continue to support, love and work with your child(ren) again next session so that they can continue to flourish and achieve.

In preparation for the beginning of the new session, I have highlighted some helpful information below.

2023-24 Winchburgh Academy Family Calendar

In the email you received this letter, you will also find the 2023-24 Winchburgh Academy Calendar (Version 1). Please save this and keep it handy for reference throughout next session. A copy will also be uploaded onto the relevant area of our school website. Thank you for your patience this year, due to our unique circumstances, some dates may be subject to some change but we will try our very best to keep that to a minimum and we will always keep you informed.

S2 Day 1 - Tuesday 15th August

S2 students will return to school on Tuesday 15th August at the usual time of 8.40am entering via the student entrance at the rear of the building. Students will attend Personal Support & Registration (PSR), in the Atrium and this will be extended slightly before they attend their period 1/workshop 1 class. Their new S2 Timetable can be found on their class Microsoft Team - it was posted on there earlier this week.

We look forward to all S2 students being smartly dressed in their full formal uniform (including all black footwear) on the day, as they will be invited to an assembly and we will be arranging photographs to be taken with the new S1 students, later in the morning.

New S1 parents have been invited to a brief Welcome Reception from 9am and we look forward to our S2 students being role models for the new S1 students, especially in regard to our uniform, conduct and school values.

Uniform

Thank you for your ongoing support regarding our uniform range and dress code. We are often complimented on our range from local and national colleagues and it is something that we will continuously work on/evolve in partnership with our students and families.

All guidance and support information for ordering can be accessed from the uniform leaflet found on the school website. The link for our uniform supplier (BE Uniforms) can be accessed by clicking the link below:

[Embroidered Schoolwear & Clubwear \(border-embroideries.co.uk\)](http://border-embroideries.co.uk)

If you require any further support in any way (clarity/ordering/financial) – please contact our main school office and we will always be delighted to help.

Some useful information about further ways to support families who are eligible, as appropriate, can be viewed by clicking the links below:

<http://bitly.ws/y6xq>

<https://schoolbank-westlothian.org/>

Netbooks/IT Devices

As you are aware, our state of the art school enables us to access high speed/high quality Wi-Fi throughout the building, safely controlled in line with West Lothian Council policy and practice. Almost all of our learning is accessed via Microsoft Teams/OneNote. This is fundamental for supporting young people with additional support needs and ensuring consistent, inclusive pedagogy across the whole school.

We have a Netbook available in school for every young person (S1 and S2) throughout next session. There will be a procedure in place where they will collect their Netbook as part of their morning routine and they will return them to the charging station at the end of each day before they leave. It will be their responsibility to keep their Netbook safe over the course of the day. Netbooks will not be taken home.

Finally, I wish each of you and your loved ones, a restful and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 15th August.

Best wishes,



Jonny Mitchell