



7th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Embracing a new school year – Year 7

I hope that you have had a very enjoyable summer with your family and friends.

It is wonderful to welcome you and your daughter to Davison for the first time; particularly after such an unprecedented disruption to schooling for so many students in recent times. You are joining us at a very exciting time as we celebrate the GCSE results achieved by our 'Class of 2022.' These remarkably resilient young people overcame many obstacles to achieve such wonderful and thoroughly deserved outcomes. It seems like no time at all since they were starting out afresh in September 2017.

I am delighted to report that Year 7 have settled fantastically well. I am sure that the wonderful work of Mrs Anstey, and many of our colleagues, during transition day and Summer School, has helped to make this work so well. My thanks go to all who supported this process.

Thank you so much for all your support in helping your daughter to look so smart and confident in embracing this new chapter in her educational journey. We are excited to be able to share with you, all that life at Davison has to offer. My vision for the forthcoming year, and indeed my tenure here as a whole, is one where we celebrate the rich and varied diversity of our students, ensuring that we offer many memorable opportunities and life-changing experiences.

I see education as the key to unlocking the future potential of our young learners and with this opportunity comes the need for ambition, determination and resilience. I am sure I can count on your support to achieve the very best for your daughter in developing these traits. As parents, we have all witnessed the very slow release in which we have allowed our children to gain independence. In view of that, we must act as partners working together to ensure that the children continue to grow, on their journey of faith and independence, into becoming the fine adults that we know they will prove to be.

I cannot always claim that we will get every decision we make correct for everybody. There are no such things as perfect students, teachers or parents/carers. What I can guarantee is that we will always work to the best of our ability, for each child, and that we offer ourselves to you in a partnership held together by our mutual aspiration for your daughter. In view of this, I would really appreciate your commitment to working in a supportive partnership with us which models reciprocal care and respect at all times.

As part of this supportive partnership I would like to draw your attention to the need to support our mobile phone policy (copy attached). The policy encourages students to learn how to manage the use of their devices in preparation for adulthood. Rather than having a 'no

phones' policy, we allow the use of mobile phones before and after school and at break and lunchtime in designated spaces. We would ask that you discuss this policy with your daughter and support us in implementing it, as using mobile phones inappropriately can lead to confiscation and sanctions.

I would like to draw your attention to **a further two INSET days this term on Wednesday 5th October and Monday 5th December 2022**. Please look out for our Parent Bulletin publication in the coming weeks which details key dates for your diary that can also be found on the school calendar on our website <https://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/hub/>

I look forward to getting to know you and your daughter in the coming weeks and to seeing you at our **Year 7 '6 weeks in' event** on **Wednesday 19th October 2022**. Further details on this will be shared in the coming weeks.

All that remains is to thank you so much for choosing Davison for your daughter and to offer our very best wishes for a wonderful journey through high school.

Yours faithfully

Chris Keating
Headteacher