

# Frederick Bremer School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you with the details of the end of term arrangements, and those for the start of the Autumn Term. Further information about the successes of this term can be found in our newsletter which will be available on the website from the end of term (<http://www.bremer.org.uk>).

This term will finish for pupils on **Friday 21st July**, and they will be dismissed from the school from **12.10pm**.

## Arrangements for the rest of this term

As you are aware, Deep Learning Week started on Thursday 13th July. We have a huge variety of events taking place over these 7 days and you will have received detailed information about the personalised programme for your child.

Deep Learning Week is a huge programme of a variety of different activities to enrich your child's learning. Staff are working tirelessly to ensure your child has an enjoyable and memorable end of term, culminating in Sports Day on Thursday 20th July.

The weather for the week looks to be fair, but please ensure that your child does have plenty of water and sun cream to be safe.

	Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th
	Subject Day 3	Wellbeing Day 1	Wellbeing Day 2	Sports Day
Year 7	All Year 7 In School DT / ICT / PE Humanities Wellbeing/PSHE	Rewards Day Rewards Assembly Treasure Hunt Form Time Quiz Form Time Movie Outdoor Games	Wellbeing Trips Lloyd Park Greenwich Park Ice Skating Bowling Empire Cinema London Aquarium London Zoo Suntrap Southend	Sports Day
Year 8	Trips Science Empire Cinema Suntrap 8A / 8B  In School PE English	Rewards Day Rewards Assembly Treasure Hunt Form Time Quiz Form Time Movie Outdoor Games  Suntrap Trip: 8C and 8D	Wellbeing Trips Lloyd Park Greenwich Park Ice Skating Bowling Empire Cinema London Aquarium London Zoo Suntrap Southend	Sports Day
Year 9	Trips Humanities London City Walking Tour Empire Cinema  In School Humanities PE English	Wellbeing Trips Lloyd Park Greenwich Park Ice Skating Bowling Empire Cinema London Aquarium London Zoo London Dungeon Southend	Rewards Day  Rewards Assembly Form Time Quiz Form Time Movie Outdoor Games	Sports Day
Year 10	Trips Wallace Collection MATHS London City Walking Tour HUMS Empire Cinema  In School English Humanities	Wellbeing Trips Lloyd Park Greenwich Park Ice Skating Bowling Empire Cinema London Aquarium London Zoo London Dungeon Southend	Rewards Day  Rewards Assembly Form Time Quiz Form Time Movie Outdoor Games	Sports Day

### **Lunch arrangements - last day of term**

There will be no hot lunch on this day. Pre-ordered cold lunch will be given to pupils during their break time. Those who receive free school meals will be able to use their free school meal allowance at break time.

### **Trips/Enrichment**

At Frederick Bremer School, we believe that trips and enrichment opportunities are an essential part of our curriculum. We work incredibly hard to ensure that all pupils have opportunities every year to participate in trips, and that pupils are not disadvantaged because of their socio- economic background.

Deep Learning Week is an exceptional opportunity, and the range of trips and experiences we offer across this week is unique. Our staff work incredibly hard to ensure all pupils have a memorable experience, and one which will support their learning.

Trips during Deep Learning Week are a range of 'opt in' trips and selected trips. For the subject trips which pupils are selected for, this is based on curriculum appropriateness and not any kind of behavioural criteria.

We also offer a range of residential trips, and have worked with parents/carers to ensure that the sign-up process for this is as fair and transparent as possible. We particularly wish to ensure that pupils are not disadvantaged by economic difficulties. Therefore, we always ensure that we are clear with parents/carers about the timing of the booking process and all the costs involved.

I kindly request that if parents/carers have any issues or questions about our trips that they ask the school directly. We are always very willing to explain and advise about our trip's procedures.

### **Food Bank/Families in need**

Those pupils (current year 7 to 10) who are in receipt of free school meals will receive a voucher worth £45 via Edenred to support with the cost of meals throughout the summer holidays. This will likely be sent early next week. If you have not received it by Thursday 20th July, please contact the school office.

To support families the food bank in school will be open during the school holidays by appointment only. If you would like to visit the food bank during the school holiday please email [s.lewis@bremer.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:s.lewis@bremer.waltham.sch.uk) and we will make arrangements.

If you would like to speak to someone before the end of term, you can contact Geraldine via reception or at [g.smith@bremer.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:g.smith@bremer.waltham.sch.uk).

### **Waltham Forest Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2023**

This summer Waltham Forest has arranged a wide variety of free activities for older children in receipt of benefit related free school meals aged 11 to 16 years across the borough for you to enjoy. You can find more information [here](#).

All activities are inclusive of children with SEN and/or disabilities; however, if your child does have additional needs, please contact us on 020 8496 4720 **before** booking so we can ensure the provider can meet the needs of your child.

The courses will provide an opportunity to learn new skills, try new activities and meet new friends.

Booking is essential on the programme so please book early to avoid disappointment. Book your child's place [here](#). There will be activities taking place in our school if your child would like to go to a familiar place.

### **Change in Cashless Provider**

As per previous communication, from September we will be changing our cashless payment provider from Parent Pay to iPay. With the new provider we will be able to take card payments in the canteen. This will provide parents with another option for paying for school meals. The system will be set up during the summer holidays and log in details will be provided to parents before the end of the holiday.

If you have money left in your ParentPay account, please contact the school office by Tuesday 18th July to arrange a refund. Note: we may not be able to process all refund requests as the money does not currently go into the School's bank account.

### **Term dates**

A full list of the school's term dates for 2023-4 can be found [here](#).

Please note the following dates for the next term:

- Monday 4th September - School closed to all pupils for staff training
- Tuesday 5th Sept - Year 7 - 11 in school with a staggered start (see schedule below)
- Thursday 5th Oct - School closed for staff training
- Friday 20th October - Last day of the first half term
- Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October - Half term
- 30th October - Pupils return to school after half term
- Friday 24th November - school closed to pupils, staff training day
- Thursday 21st December - Last day of the Autumn term

### **Arrangements for the first day of Autumn Term 2023**

All pupils will return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023, in line with the timings below.

Tuesday 5th Sept Schedule	<b>Year 7</b> arrive from 9.10 - Assembly starts at 9.20 <b>Years 8, 9, and 10</b> arrive from 10.10 - Tutor time starts at 10.20 <b>Year 11</b> arrive at 9.40am - Assembly 9.50  Please note these times are for a prompt start. Late detentions will run as normal this day.
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### **Our school day from September**

The timings of our school day will remain unchanged from this year. Pupils must be at school by 8.25am at the latest every day and will finish at 3pm. Breakfast club will start from 7.45am on Tuesday 6th September.

Timetables will be available on School Gateway from Monday 4th September. Pupils will need their PE kit on the days they have PE.

### **Uniform**

We have updated our school uniform expectations in response to the consultation which we carried out earlier this year. We have included the new expectations at the end of this letter.

### **Contacting the school over the holiday**

If you need to contact the school over the break, please email [school@bremer.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@bremer.waltham.sch.uk) and we will respond to any urgent enquiries. If you are worried about the safety of a child, please contact the police, social care and inform us via [safeguarding@bremer.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bremer.waltham.sch.uk).

### **Join our PTA**

We are recruiting to our parent-teacher association (PTA) and would love to hear from you if you could help out in any of the following ways; supporting in organising or running fundraising events, helping to run school events such as the school production and supporting at school events such as parents' evenings or sports day.

A huge thank you to those who have already signed up. We are aware that there was an issue with this form previously, and that has now been fixed. If you'd like to be involved please complete this [form](#).

### **Goodbyes**

Sadly, at the end of the academic year, we have to say goodbye to several members of staff who are moving onto new opportunities. We thank them for all of their hard work, and wish them the very best as they move into their new jobs.

- Ms Saliah - Joint Head of English
- Ms Buckley - Head of Creative Arts/Music
- Ms Taverner - Teacher of Design Technology
- Ms Zanelli - Teacher of Art
- Ms Kuti - Teacher of Maths
- Ms Pace-Soler - Teacher of History
- Ms Keaney - Teacher of Geography
- Ms Kudasi - Literacy Assistant
- Mr Hussain - Academic Mentor (Maths)

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Summer break, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,



Jenny Smith  
Headteacher

## School Uniform Expectations 2023-4

### Our Principles

At Frederick Bremer School we believe that school uniform plays a crucial role in creating an inclusive community, providing a school identity and demonstrating equity amongst pupils. We encourage our pupils to express their individuality through their actions and the content of their character, not through their school uniform. We encourage smart presentation at school. Students are expected to wear school uniform at all times, both within the school and when representing the school in the community. There have been some minor adjustments to uniform based on a recent consultation with stakeholders.

#### All pupils must wear at all times:

- A school blazer (only school badges can be worn on blazers) **or** a navy 'V' neck jumper or a sleeveless 'V' neck jumper with or without the school badge.
- Plain white shirt with collar, tucked in (any clothing worn under shirts must be white)
- School tie (with year group colours), with 5 bars of the stripe showing
- School navy blue skirt (minimum 45cm/18 inches in length) OR navy-blue school trousers (not tight fitting) OR navy-blue shorts (minimum 45cm/18 inches in length)
- Black leather or similar school shoes, or smart black boots (not canvas or with labels). Laces must be black. Boots must be worn under trousers, and not with skirts.
- White, Navy blue or black socks or tights. No other colour socks should be worn than black, navy blue or white. Socks cannot be worn above the knee.
- If a pupil wishes to wear socks over their tights they must be the same colour as the tights.

#### **Optional**

- Pupils may wear a navy, black or white hair covering as a sign of religious or cultural observance.
- For other students, hair accessories should be plain navy, black or white.

#### Please note:

- Belts, hair bands and other accessories **must** be plain and in school colours.
- Coats and hats can be worn to and from school, but are not permitted in the school building during the school day.
- Hair accessories should be plain and simple. Bands and ribbons should be blue, white or black.
- Light make-up is permitted. Nail polish and acrylic nails are not permitted.
- No fake eyelashes are allowed
- One piercing is permitted, single ear and nose only, stud only and this must be removed for PE.
- A large formal style school bag is compulsory (big enough to carry A4 books)

Pupils who arrive at school wearing incorrect school uniform – (e.g. trainers / no tie / blazer) will be given a negative SIMs point (unless parental contact is made in advance) and **will be given the correct uniform to wear for the day.**

#### **PE Kit**

- School navy blue sports top
- School navy blue shorts or skort
- School navy blue football socks
- School navy blue tracksuit (tracksuit bottoms and top, which can be purchased separately)
- White or Black Trainers with **non-marking soles (to protect the sports hall floor)**
- Towel

In addition to the branded options above pupils may wear non-branded options

- Plain navy-blue polo shirt
- Plain navy-blue shorts or skirt
- Plain navy-blue football socks
- Plain navy-blue tracksuit (tracksuit bottoms and top)

#### **Drama Kit**

- Drama socks with a gripped sole (which can be used for Gymnastics in PE as well), branded or non-branded

#### Uniform Stockists

Branded and unbranded school uniform is available from Speedstitch (our preferred supplier). Non-branded uniform is available from Sainsburys, Asda and Marks and Spencer.

**School shoes: Parents and carers are strongly advised to contact the school in advance. if they are unsure which shoes to purchase**

Below are some examples of what the school considers school shoes.

