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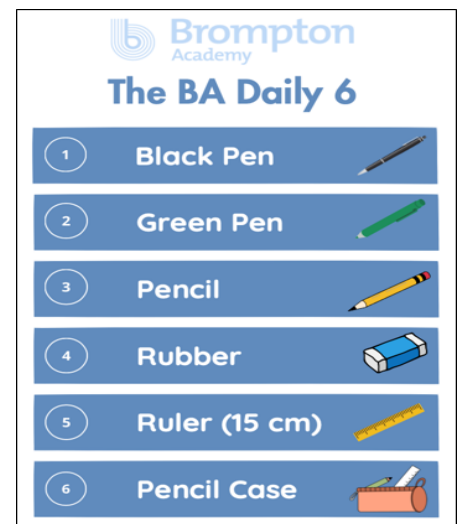
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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, may I introduce myself. I am Dan Walters, and I was recently appointed as Principal of Brompton Academy. I have been working in education for 28 years, starting as a Design Technology teacher but more recently teaching Science, Engineering and Business Studies. I have been part of school leadership for the last eight years, working in schools across Kent. I am incredibly proud to be the Principal of this fantastic Academy and part of a devoted and passionate team of professionals who are dedicated to the education and wellbeing of young people. 'Transforming Lives Through Learning' is our guiding principle and in striving to achieve it, we recognise the importance of developing partnerships between families and the Academy to create a positive learning environment for your children.

At Brompton Academy, we have high expectations of our students, and I would like to refer you to the uniform page of our website ([uniform page link](#)). We hope students wear the uniform with pride and present themselves each morning ready to learn. To support learning, we expect students to have the 'daily 6'. A minimum set of equipment that will be used in lessons. The daily 6 consists of a black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and pencil case. We consider the daily 6 as part of the uniform so it will be checked each day and during Mini School tutoring time. Where families have opted into the iPad scheme, we would expect that it is fully charged each morning and ready for use when required in lessons. Additionally, students should have a water bottle that can be filled at appropriate times of the day. Being mindful of the environment, students will no longer have access to the disposable cups from student services. To help students carry their equipment each day they should bring the items in a bag, details of which can also be found on the uniform page of our website. If students intend to have a piercing done it is advised that this should take place at the start of the summer holidays to allow plenty of time to heal, so they can be removed for the first day back at the Academy. Please be reminded that the Academy is a nut free and aerosol free space to support the health and wellbeing of all our students.



During the COVID pandemic, many schools/academies allowed students to wear their PE kit to school on days they had sport lessons. As we move forward into more settled times, we will be asking students to arrive every day in their full Brompton Academy school uniform. The changing rooms have been refreshed and made ready for students to change in before sport lessons. We provide students with lockers (a small refundable deposit is required) should they wish to store their PE bag during the day.

Homework is an essential part of learning which builds good habits, supports learning, and increases progress. Each day students will be given one piece of homework that lasts

approximately 30 minutes. Students will have seven days to return the learning. A homework timetable along with guidance and availability of the homework club will be shared with families in September.

Creating a positive learning environment is central to success, both academically and within the Academy community. At Brompton Academy, we will not tolerate actions that disrupt learning or the wellbeing of students and staff. These expectations have been made clear to students and will be restated again at the start of the new academic year. We hope you can support us in ensuring the Academy remains a safe and positive learning environment for students and staff.

There have been some changes to the student's curriculum to support the Academy's development and progress. Students will study Geography, History, and Spanish subjects to support their academic potential in Key Stage 3 with a broad and varied range of academic, technical, and creative subjects available in the carousel at Key Stage 3 and options subjects at Key Stage 4. We continue to focus on the English Baccalaureate subjects (Geography, History, and Spanish) at Key Stage 3 and 4 to provide the greatest opportunities for students after the age of 16.

Please be reminded that the start and end times for the Academy day are as follows in September 2023. Students will be considered late if they arrive after 8:25am. We have been made aware that there are some planned road closures in the area during September and October 2023, please carefully plan your journeys and use [this website](#) for further information.

Students can arrive at the Academy site	8:00 am
Lesson 1 starts	8:30 am
End of the Academy day Monday to Thursday	3:15 pm
End of the Academy day Friday	2:10 pm

Please see the table below for some key dates in Term 1. We do not expect students to bring their PE kit to the Academy on their first day back.

Staff development day	Friday 1 st September 2023
Staff development day	Monday 4 th September 2023
Years 7, 12, and 13 return to the Academy	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
All year groups return to the Academy	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
Open day - 12 noon close for all students	Thursday 21 st September 2023
Staff development day	Friday 22 nd September 2023
End of Term 1	Friday 20 th October 2023

A useful reference guide to the Academy can be found [HERE](#) in the Parent/Carer Directory.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back for the start of the academic year and hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



Dan Walters
Principal