



Inspiring learning for life

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Newsletter

Dear Parents



So, a new chapter for the British Section has started and how exciting it has been. We have begun our school year in our brand new building; a quite superb learning environment, shared with the Canadian Section. To families both new and existing, we welcome you warmly to our school. This summer, in particular, our staff have been working incredibly hard during the holidays to prepare for the term and I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for this.

On Tuesday, we started our new chapter with a shared assembly with both sections. It was fabulous getting the whole pupil community together and the assembly raised some very clear messages:

As a combined school, we can affectionately be thought of the 'UKCAN School' (pronounced 'you can!') to convey a shared message of belief, aspiration and determination. Across both schools, we will focus on developing our 'Character Virtues,' with everyone striving to be their best self. We have also agreed to follow the *UKCAN Promise*:

To be responsible...

1. In the school building, we walk responsibly and calmly.

To be helpful...

2. In the corridors and on the stairs, we walk on the left.

To be fair and respectful...

3. We use calm voices indoors and in the dining hall.

To be respectful...

4. In assembly, we listen quietly.

To be caring and responsible...

5. We always listen to each other and follow instructions.

To be caring and responsible...

6. We treat each other and our environment with respect.

To be honest...

7. We always tell the truth...

To be grateful...

8. We always say please and thank you.

Important Dates	
Mon 27 Aug	FS1 Parent Open Mornings 09.00-12.00
Mon 27 Aug	FS2 Drop In Session 09.00-10.30
Thurs 30 Aug	First Day of School - FS1 & FS2
Mon 3 Sep	Poppy of Honour Week
Tue 4 Sep	School Photographs
Mon 10 Sep	First Day of School (Full days) FS2
Mon 10 Sep	Clubs start
Thurs 20 Sept	School Closed closes at 12.00hrs
Fri 21 Sept	School Closed - Inset Day



Staff News

We would like to extend a huge warm welcome to Mrs Karen Knock and Mrs Bethan Grove who have joined our School Support Team and Mrs Helen Bucknill our new EAL Teacher. We wish you much happiness in your new roles.



School Timings and Routines

As the school year begins, this is a reminder of school timings. For those who arrive earlier in the morning our school support team will be at the playground by the bus office from 08.25hrs. You are more than welcome to drop them off here at this time.

Years	Start Time	Finish Time
FS2 – Y2	08.50	15.25 (Mon – Thurs) 15.00 (Fri only)
Y3 – Y6	08.50	15.30 (Mon – Thurs) 15.05 (Fri only)

New morning 'line-up' routine

Thank you very much for helping your child settle into their morning routines at the start of the day. To encourage the children's independence and to maximise learning time, next week we will be starting a system where the children will line up in year groups outside the front of school. Here our class teachers and LSAs will collect the children and bring them into school at 08:50. If you have anything you would like to discuss at this point, you can catch-up with either the class teacher or LSA, who will take the message, while the children are taken inside.

End of day routine

At the end of the school day, children should be collected from the front of the new school building. Rather than your child walking to a parking area or to a nearby location on SHAPE, we ask that you now come to the front of school for collection. This is to provide the safest solution as we release the children and is particularly important with the less defined and sometimes restricted parking on SHAPE.

There is a substantial parent waiting area outside the front of the new school building, with brand new benches.

If you would like to make alternative arrangement for your child's collection, please contact the office via email (shape.admin@modschool.org) or letter so we have your direct permission.

Student Information

In order to ensure that we hold up-to-date information on your child and we have the appropriate consents in line with the new data protection legislation we ask that parents kindly complete the attached form.

Please return the completed form to the school office by **Friday, 31 August 2018**

Music Lessons

Weekly lessons are to be provided by Gutersloh Music Centre via Skype supported by termly face-to-face visits. Those children currently studying music with GMC will re-commence their lessons on Monday 3 September.

Detailed information regarding the music lessons can be found on GMC's website: www.guterslohmusiccentre.com

If you are interested in your child taking part in these music lessons, please apply on the above website.

Earrings and PE

We kindly ask that parents please ensure that pupils are able to remove earrings themselves before taking part in PE lessons. If ears have been recently pierced and earrings cannot be removed then children should bring sticky tape to school on PE days to cover the earrings whilst they have PE. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.



Healthy Snacks



Children are encouraged to bring a **small, healthy** snack that they can enjoy during their morning break.

Ideally, the snacks should ensure that the children get enough sustenance to last until lunchtime but are not impacting on the quantity eaten at lunch and don't take too long to eat, so they have substantial time to play.

In order to encourage healthy teeth and lifestyles, please do not give your child sweets, chocolate or crisp type snacks. The ideal type of snack may include a small portion of fruit, vegetables, cereals, rice cakes or yoghurt.

Nut Allergies

As with every school, there are children who have significant allergies to all kinds of nuts. For the safety of all children, it is essential that all lunches and snacks brought in from home are nut free.



School Dinners

Please could you inform the school office if your child no longer requires school dinners this year. In order to ensure the smooth running of the dinner ordering, we ask that children commit to either school dinners or packed lunches, without frequent changes.

Please be aware that if your child is down for school dinners and they have a packed lunch, then they will still be charged for the dinner. The cost of school meals for Y3-Y6 is €2.49 per meal.

School Clubs

School clubs will start w/c 10 September 2018. We are finalising the club list and this will be released next week. These clubs are provided on a voluntary basis by staff, parents and other community members. Please note there is also an extensive range of clubs available through CYSS for the children in the SHAPE community.

Intruders on School Grounds

Unfortunately, both the school playgrounds and the building construction site has been 'visited' by people after school hours. This has caused damage and lost property. In addition, there are no specifically implemented safety measures in place after hours, so it is unsafe - some parts dangerous. From now on, the Military Police will be patrolling the site regularly, after school hours to ensure there are no intruders. If your child plays on SHAPE, after school or during the weekend, please support this by ensuring they do so away from the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

We are very much looking forward to an incredible, international, inspiring year ahead.

Yours sincerely



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