



**The Charter School**  
East Dulwich

Headteacher: Ms. A. Harbottle, BSc Hons

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Students and Families

I hope that you've had a wonderful summer holiday so far. As our staff start to return from the break and prepare for the academic year ahead, we are all looking forward to welcoming back our students next week.

On Monday we will be starting up our regular weekly newsletter with updates and information for all our families. This is shared at 4pm each Monday via email so please keep an eye out for this each week to keep up to date with your child's education.

Please see the next pages for key reminders on start of school information, including from our two Deputy Headteachers Ms Chalcraft and Mr Wilson. Ms Chalcraft, who was assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 4 has been appointed as our Pastoral Deputy Headteacher whilst Mr Wilson moves across from his pastoral responsibilities to our newly established role of Academic Deputy Headteacher. I am excited about both appointments and know that you will see the benefit of the new structure in the provision for your child over the coming year.

New Year 7 and Year 12 families will also receive separate communication around the start of term ahead of your first day. If you have any queries ahead of term please contact the school office, which is now open, on [office@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:office@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)

I wish you all the best for the rest of the summer holiday.

Best wishes

Ms A. Harbottle

**Headteacher**

## Start of Term Dates and Times

**Monday 4 September:** Start of School for Years 7 and 12 (9:00 until 12:20)

**Tuesday 5 September:** Start of School for Years 11 and 13 (8:30 until 15:05)

**Wednesday 6 September:** Start of School for Years 8, 9 and 10 (8:30 until 15:05)

All students should arrive to school term minutes ahead of the time shown in full school uniform, with the correct equipment. The first week combines extended pastoral session time with normal academic lessons each day.

## Academic Information

The start of each academic year brings with it a sense of renewed energy and limitless possibilities. As we move forward into this school year, I want to share our key academic priorities with you.

Our foremost goal is to ensure that every child, regardless of their starting point, has the opportunity to achieve excellence in their academic pursuits. We believe in the potential of each child and will provide the support and resources necessary to help them reach their academic goals. Beyond exams and grades, we encourage a love for learning that extends far beyond the classroom. We want our students to become curious, independent thinkers who are passionate about exploring the world around them. Your involvement and support are invaluable to your child's academic success. We are committed to fostering a strong partnership with you, and I encourage open communication between home and school throughout the year.

In the coming months, you can look forward to regular updates on your child's academic progress, information on important school events, assessment, revision and opportunities to engage with our dedicated teaching staff. I am excited to work closely with all of you to make this school year a truly exceptional one for your children. Together, we will create an environment where each student can thrive academically and personally.

**Important Reminder for Year 7 Students:** As we commence this academic year, we kindly request that all Year 7 students bring in their homework assignments for English and Maths on their very first day of school. This will help us set a positive academic tone from the beginning and ensure a smooth start to their learning journey.



**Mr Wilson**

**Academic Deputy  
Headteacher**



**Ms Chalcraft**

**Pastoral Deputy  
Headteacher**

## Pastoral Information

I am enormously excited to be leading the Pastoral team this year as Deputy Headteacher. I am looking forward to working with all our families and students to help everyone be successful and enjoy school life.

We are introducing two new pastoral curriculums to support our students. Our Well-being Curriculum focuses on emotional literacy. We will equip our students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to understand, manage, and express their emotions effectively so they develop resilience and confidence in themselves.

Secondly, the behaviour curriculum, through positive reinforcement and explicit practice, will support our students in understanding and performing key routines and habits around our school environment. Based on staff, student and family feedback we are also launching our new behaviour policy, that focuses on de-escalation techniques and reflection, to allow our students to make correct choices, so they can have a positive school experience and successful academic journey.

As a proud member of The Charter School Trust since 2012, I am really motivated and passionate about student wellbeing and development. I believe that if students have a balanced education of well-being and care alongside high expectations and hard work, our students can be successful and positive members of our school and wider community.

## Preparing for the start of term

In order for your child to thrive at school, it's essential they are equipped to learn. We expect all families to support their child in having the correct school uniform and equipment for the start of school.

**Please check the link on our website [HERE](#) for details of what students need**

If you have any concerns about your child being prepared with uniform or equipment for the start of term, please contact your child's year leader from Thursday 31st August onwards. In particular we can support those affected by the cost of living.

### Year Leader Emails

- Year 7: Ms Illidge- [yillidge@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:yillidge@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)
- Year 8: Ms Lucy Blackwell- [lblackwell@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:lblackwell@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)
- Year 9: Ms Ewhieberene - [jewhieberene@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:jewhieberene@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)
- Year 10: Ms Hale- [lhale@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:lhale@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)
- Year 11: Mr Pettigrew- [mpettigrew@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:mpettigrew@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)
- Year 12: Mr Tubby- [btubby@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:btubby@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)
- Year 13: Mr Owoh- [nowoh@chartereastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:nowoh@chartereastdulwich.org.uk)