

Our Ref: KH/cc/Year7welcomeletter

11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome everyone to Barr Beacon School after the first week in Year 7.

All pupils have looked smart in their new uniform and presented themselves well in Line Up and Assemblies. Pupils and staff are focused on starting their curriculum and getting to know one another. If you have any queries about what your child is learning, the school curriculum can be found here: Curriculum - Barr Beacon School

When contacting the school via postbox or your child's House Office, please remember to reference their Form so that your query can be directed appropriately.

If you experience any difficulties with regard to accessing your child's Parent Pay or Class Charts, please contact postbox or your child's House Office and we will be able to assist. We understand that the delay in being able to access your accounts has presented a challenge. However, everyone who has registered their email address with us, has now been issued with an account for both apps. All correspondence will be sent to parents via the Matrix App so it is important that you have access to this platform.

Please remember that if you are dropping your child off at school, they must enter the site using the gate on Beacon Road. Be mindful of our neighbours and local residence when you are parking near to the school; do not block driveways. It has been noted by duty staff that some parents are not encouraging their child to use the pedestrian crossing when crossing the Beacon Road which is a very busy road especially during the start and the end of the school day. Pupil safety is paramount and we would request that pupils are crossed at the pedestrian crossing to set an example for all.

A reminder that you should be checking your child's homework with them using the Class Charts app, which will also allow you to see their praise and sanctions. Parent Pay can be used to monitor your child's spending. It is useful to look at the menu in advance to plan with your child if they are using the Bistro; this can help them to make informed choices during their lunch break. The menu, which rotates every three weeks, can be found here: Food – Matrix Academy Trust. Please remember to add money to your child's account in order to enable them to make purchases. If you believe your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please use the following link to apply: Free School Meals - Barr Beacon School

The school calendar is also available on the school website for you to see upcoming training days and term dates: <u>Calendar - Barr Beacon School</u>



Year 7 "Settling In Evening" will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025–details will sent to you shortly about the times that you should attend dependent upon your child's House.

And finally, Year 7 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026. If you wish to speak to your child's Head of House, please contact House Office.

I look forward to working with you to help your child to progress and thrive.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs K Hibbs Headteacher



