

Dear Belper Families,

Belper School – September Newsletter

Welcome to the start of a new school year. I would particularly like to welcome families joining us in Year 7 and Year 12, as well as those whose children have joined other year groups as in-year admissions. We hope that you will quickly feel part of the Belper School community.

Students have settled in extremely well, and it has been lovely to see the school full of energy and purpose again. I am writing to share some important information and reminders as we begin the year.

Parent Information Evenings (action required)

We will be holding information evenings for parents and carers of students in Years 7–11 on the following dates:

- **Year 11:** Tuesday 15 September
- **Year 10:** Wednesday 16 September
- **Year 7:** Tuesday 22 September
- **Year 8:** Tuesday 29 September
- **Year 9:** Tuesday 6 October

These evenings will provide an opportunity to hear from your child's Head of Year and receive important information about the year ahead. Year 8 and Year 10 families will also have the opportunity to meet their new Heads of Year, Olivia and Karen.

Please can all parents and carers click the link below to let us know whether or not you will be attending:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/74kdquWEkZ>

Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening

Our Open Evening for prospective students and their families will take place on **Thursday 24 September, from 5.30pm until 7.30pm.**

There will be three Headteacher presentations, beginning at **5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.00pm**, as well as an opportunity to look around the school with your children.

Please note that there will not be time to tour the school after the final presentation at 7.00pm. Families planning to attend this presentation should therefore arrive earlier to look around the school first.

If you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6 or know a family who may be interested in joining Belper School, we would be delighted to welcome you.

Please note that school will close at **2.05pm on Thursday 24 September**.

Homework and Knowledge Organisers

There will be an opportunity to ask questions about our new homework procedures at the Parent Information Evenings.

Your child will have received a Knowledge Organiser containing the homework timetable for their year group. Knowledge Organisers are designed to support students with their learning and help them complete homework independently.

Further information about our homework procedures can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.belperschool.co.uk/curriculum/homework/>

Year 7 and Year 10 Laptops

Students in Years 7 and 10 whose families have ordered a laptop through our scheme will receive their device on Friday. They will also receive a guide explaining how to set it up at home.

Students will be shown how to log on to the school network when they receive their laptop. Once set up, laptops should be brought to school every day. They will be used to support learning in lessons and will also help students to access and complete their homework.

ParentPay and School Meals

Please remember to ensure that there is sufficient money in your child's ParentPay account if they wish to purchase food at school unless they are entitled to free school meals.

Unfortunately, students will not be able to purchase food if there are insufficient funds in their account, as we cannot allow school meal accounts to go into debt. We would be grateful if families could check balances regularly and add funds in advance.

PE Kit

Our new PE kit is looking fantastic, and it has been wonderful to see so many students wearing it with pride.

Please be reassured that students are still welcome to wear the previous PE kit until they grow out of it. There is no expectation for families to replace kit that still fits and remains in good condition.

<https://www.belperschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/PE-DRESS-CODE-AND-KIT-POLICY-June-2025.pdf>

Our New School Minibus

After many years of saving, we are delighted to have purchased our very own Belper School minibus!



Having our own minibus will help us provide students with access to more sporting fixtures, educational visits, and other opportunities beyond the school site. We are incredibly pleased to have finally achieved this.

Thank you for your support in helping us make such a positive start to the year. I send a newsletter at the end of each month, so please keep an eye on your emails for the next edition.

With best wishes,

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