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Dear Parents and Guardians,

After a very busy last few weeks of term we have finally come to the end of the 2017/18 academic year! Both our wonderful campuses have been incredibly busy places this past academic year and we have never had so many curricular and enrichment activities taking place.

This academic year again saw BIST achieve some significant 'milestones' in the school's development and growth: we celebrated our 15 Year anniversary together as a school community at the wonderful event in March; our student numbers have reached 500 for the first time in the school's history (and we are now 'wait-listed' in some year groups); our Sixth Form (Year 12 and Year 13) numbers are the largest they have ever been and will be over 75 in August 2018; our first cohort of BTEC students completed their Sixth Form diploma courses; and both our team and individual performances (and number of medals won) at the FOBISIA games and TISAC swimming competitions were truly outstanding. We certainly have a lot to look back on and be proud of as a school this academic year and I also hope you have enjoyed browsing through the 2017/18 yearbook to review all the events and activities that have taken place this year across both campuses.

Payment of School Fees

Parents will have received the letter from me outlining the new payment methods and procedures for school fees payment and thank you in advance for your timely settlement of the Term 1 fees. An increasing number of parents have chosen to pay the annual fees up front to receive the 5% discount, so if you wish to take advantage of this offer please contact the finance office for them to re-issue you an annual fees invoice.

School Ties for Girls

After discussion at the recent June Board of Governors meeting last week, the School I have decided that from Term 1 2018/19 ties will be *optional* for girls across Year 2 to Year 11 i.e. they can choose *not* to wear a tie if they prefer to do so. Ties will continue to be compulsory for boys from Year 2 to Year 13. This change in our uniform policy will align BIST with our sister school Bromsgrove School, UK where only boys are required to wear a tie as part of the school uniform (and this has been the case for over four hundred years!).

School Caps

From Term 1 2018/19, all students across both Primary and Secondary school will be required to purchase a school hat from the school shop. We will now stock both the Primary cap (with the neck covering) and Secondary hats (normal cap design). Secondary students will be required to wear a cap during PE lessons when the sun is shining and this will bring Secondary practice in line with the Primary students who already have to wear a cap during breaks, lunchtime, PE lessons and outdoor ECAs. Sun safety is of paramount importance to us as a school and it vital that we protect our students from the damaging effect of the sun.

School Uniform

As many of you will be purchasing new uniform over the summer holiday, including new footwear for your child, please can I remind you to refer to the uniform policy/check list on our website in the admissions section. As a school we pride ourselves on our students looking smart in their correct uniform each day.

Parent ID on campus

There have been a number of parents/drivers trying to access both campuses without their BIST parent ID or exchanging a national ID card/driving license for a visitor pass with the security guard. From August 2018 onward, we will be strictly enforcing the rules that if a parent/driver does not have their BIST ID or an alternative ID card to give to the security guard in exchange for a visitor badge, they will not be allowed to access the campus. The safety and security of our campus is vital for the wellbeing of all our students and I must ask all stakeholders to support us in this matter and not to be offended when asked by our security guards to follow these simple rules.

Building Projects and Summer Renovations

We have a number of building projects taking place at both campuses over the summer holiday and I look forward to seeing these developments in place in August for the new academic year. As I outlined in my previous letter regarding school fee increases for the 2018/19 academic year, the Board of Governors is investing over THB 25 million for next academic year across both campuses to ensure our wonderful school continues to grow and flourish over the coming years and I would like to thank them for their generous ongoing support.

Parent Welcome Back and Induction Event

This year's event will take place on Sunday 26 August 2018, starting at 11:00 on the Early Years Campus and then at 14:00 on the Windsor Park Campus. This event is an opportunity for both old and new Bromsgrove parents to learn more about the school policies and procedures, as well as to meet your child's Principal, teachers and TAs. In addition, there will be a welcome BBQ for our boarding parents following this event at 16:00 outside the boarding houses.

Start of Term 1 2018/19

The first day of the 2018/19 academic year is Monday 27 August (boarders return Sunday 26 August).

Parent Liaison Role on Windsor Park Campus

From the start of next academic K Ning, will be purely the Head of Admissions across the school and will not be doing the Parent Liaison role anymore. All parental enquiries need to go via either K Nut/K Bow in the Student Information Centre (SIC) on the Windsor Park campus. On our Early Years Campus K Bow will continue to be the point of contact for parents.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the school. I wish you all a very restful and peaceful holiday with your families and friends and I wish you all safe travels, wherever you may go.

Warmest Regards,



Dr Dan Moore
Headmaster & CEO

