



# Blatchington Mill School

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Dear Blatch families,

As we come to the end of term we would like to reiterate to all families how grateful we are as a staff team for the ongoing support and understanding we've received from our families and wider community as we've navigated a very challenging term. The messages of support and kindness that we received after the fire made such a difference to all of us and made us exceptionally proud to be part of such a caring school community.

We are very proud too of how well our students have managed the disruption to their usual routines and it has been fantastic to see them getting back to as much normality as is currently possible. We will continue to update you next term with the progress on our temporary Design and Food classrooms.

## **KS4 Showcase**

We look forward to welcoming lots of our families to our KS4 Showcase on Thursday 18th April at 7pm in our theatre. The tickets can be purchased here: [KS4 Showcase tickets](#) (please also see the attached flyer for more information).

## **Changes to uniform**

We have been listening carefully to student and family feedback about our uniform expectations and have made three key changes in response:

- Students are now permitted to wear all-black leather shoes or trainers. Any logos on leather trainers must be completely black. Other coloured trainers are not acceptable for any reason and non-leather / canvas shoes are not permitted as they are not durable enough for our busy classrooms and corridors.
- If a student has a nose piercing they are permitted to wear a clear nose piercing retainer. No other studs or hoops will be permitted for any reason. If a student is wearing any other kind of stud/hoop they will be asked to remove it and the Year Office team will be able to supply a clear retainer before the student can return to their lessons.
- Nails should be kept short for safety and hygiene reasons - long acrylic nails are not suitable for participation in PE, Science, Food and Art & Design lessons.

Please see the attached letter for full details of our uniform and equipment expectations.



## **Gas works on Nevill Avenue**

We would like to draw all families' attention to the fact that there are ongoing gas pipe replacement works on Neville Avenue with barriers up which are, at points, blocking the pavement. Therefore it is really important that our students are extra careful when going around the barriers or crossing the road as a result.

## **Upcoming dates**

Wednesday 27th March - Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation evening - 4-7.30pm (letters have been sent separately to Year 10 families)

Thursday 28th March - 3pm - School closes for the Easter break

Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 11th April - Year 11 Revision sessions (letters have been sent separately to Year 11 families)

Monday 15th April - 8.40am - School opens for all students for the Summer term

Monday 15th April - Friday 19th April - Week of Action

Wednesday 17th April (rearranged from Monday 25th March) - BARC (Blatchington Mill Anti-Racist Community) meeting - 5.30-6.30pm

Thursday 18th April - KS4 Showcase - 7pm

We wish all families a restful break and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,

Ms Claydon.

**Headteacher**  
**Blatchington Mill School**

