



# DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As another academic year comes to a close our final Parent Bulletin is now available here:  
<http://news.darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk/?p=854>

Take a look through previous Parent Bulletins and the news blog and you will see it has been another year where the pupils at Darrick Wood School have been provided with excellent opportunities to develop and grow whilst studying hard to achieve academic success. During this time we do our best to support them and work with you to enable everyone to flourish. I am so grateful for your supportive comments, letters and emails over the past year and whilst, along with all staff and pupils I will be looking forward to a break, I am also already excited about the year to come.

As is always the case we today said goodbye to a small number of staff who will move on to the next chapter in their lives. We are fortunate to have made some excellent appointments for the new academic year but it is always sad to say goodbye to colleagues who have been instrumental in bringing about success over the years. Mr Cozens, Assistant Head Teacher, has served as one of our Assistant Head Teachers for 16 years. He has had a very long and successful career as a teacher and we are fortunate he chose to spend the last 16 years with us. We wish him a long and happy retirement. Mr Heath has been with us for less time but has had a great impact as a Deputy Head Teacher. We also bade him a fond farewell today as he begins the next stage of his long and illustrious career combined with new parental duties. I am personally very grateful them both as senior leaders and wish them well for the future.

Your child should have brought home their end of year report yesterday. If they did not, please contact the School Office next week who should be able to help.

As mentioned in previous Parent Bulletins, from September we will be launching our process for setting homework online. This will mean that additional resources and information will be available to better support homework completion. It does not mean all homework has to be completed and handed in online. We will, however, be keeping the Pupil Planner although it has been redesigned and will no longer be used for the recording of homework. Parents will be contacted about a parent app where you will be able to see information about your child including what homework has been set. We will send out details when we return from the summer holidays.

I am very grateful to the vast majority of our parents who give their full support to us on many matters, especially our school uniform policy. We will, from September, be reinforcing this further and I therefore encourage all parents to ensure their children are in the correct uniform from the start of term. In particular, girls must wear the correct Darrick Wood School skirt, only available from our uniform suppliers or the trousers that are available as an alternative. All pupils must wear the right colour (plain dark brown) coat. All pupils in Years 7 to 10 must wear the new style PE kit.

I wish you and all our pupils and staff a very enjoyable and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

Dr M J Airey  
Head Teacher