



Ernest Bevin Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning



Class of 2031

Parent Handbook 2026-2027

Everything families need for a successful start to Secondary School

Ambition - Perseverance - Unity

A warm welcome to Ernest Bevin Academy

Dear Year 7 Families,

I am delighted to welcome you and your son to Ernest Bevin Academy.

Starting secondary school is a defining moment in a young person's life—and here at Ernest Bevin Academy, we are committed to making that journey one of high expectations, strong support and lasting success.

My vision is for Ernest Bevin Academy to become one of the top boys' schools in the country. To achieve this, we are building a school culture where excellent teaching, clear routines, and character development go hand in hand. Every boy will be challenged to achieve his personal best—and supported to grow into a confident, respectful and ambitious young man.

As your son begins his journey with us, we will ensure he is known, valued and inspired to thrive. We look forward to working closely with you, in true partnership, to bring out the very best in him.

Warm regards,

Damola Ademolake
Principal



Key Staff

Mr Ademolake

Ms Smith

Ms Dorcely

Ms Brown

Mr Harding

Principal

Vice Principal

Director of Learning

SENDCO

Head of Year 7

School Day

Times of the school day

(Students must be in school by 8.35am)

<i>Breakfast Club (Free)</i>	08.15 08.30
<i>Registration or Assembly</i>	08.40 - 09.10
<i>Lesson 1</i>	09.10 - 10.10
<i>Lesson 2</i>	10.10 - 11.10
<i>Break</i>	11.10 - 11.30
<i>Lesson 3</i>	11.30 - 12.30
<i>Lesson 4</i>	12.30 - 13.30
<i>Lunch</i>	13.30 - 14.10
<i>Lesson 5</i>	14.10 - 15.10
<i>Extra Curricular Clubs</i>	15.10-16.00 (approx)

Uniform

Every student is expected to wear the correct school uniform throughout the day, and to and from school

- Grey blazer with EBA logo pre-embroidered on pocket
- Red and gold centenary tie
- Navy school trousers
- White shirt with collar
- Black leather shoes (See below)
- Grey V-neck jumper (optional)
- The acceptable shoes to be worn at EBA are ticked below.

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School Uniform
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Acceptable examples



Unacceptable examples



School Uniform Direct is the supplier of Ernest Bevin Academy approved uniform and sportswear.

You can purchase uniform online at:

<https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk/>

or by visiting their store at Unit 5,
Mitcham Industrial Estate,
Streatham Road, Mitcham, CR4 2AP.

Electronic Devices and Smart Watches

The EBA rules in the Electronic Devices Policy state that such devices are not seen, used or heard.

The school does NOT accept liability for any damage and/or loss of such articles.

EBA Ready

Sports Kit

Sports kit must be brought in to school in an appropriate bag on the days it is needed.

- EBA Navy/Red shorts
- EBA Technical T-Shirt
- Football socks
- Trainers/football boots depending on activity
- Swimming trunks, towel & goggles when swimming is timetabled



Equipment List

All students should have the following equipment with them each day:

- 2 Black pens, green pen and pencil
- Basic scientific calculator
- Geometrical instrument set
- Eraser (note Tipex or its equivalent is not permitted)
- Reading book (to be carried at all times)

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of school uniform and equipment are clearly named so they can be returned to your son if found.

Any unnamed items will be held in the school office, and parents are encouraged to contact the school if their child has misplaced any belongings.

At the end of each term, any unclaimed uniform will be added to our pre-loved uniform stock, while other unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity shop.

Parent Tip:

- Please check your son is wearing the correct uniform each morning before leaving for school
- Encourage your son to pack his school bag the night before
- Please write your son's name on clothes, his school bag and PE kit
- Please check school requirements before buying new school shoes
- Encourage your son to bring in a reusable water bottle each day
- Label everything

Clubs and Activities

There is a wide range of social, academic and sporting activities before school, at lunchtimes and after school.

Clubs range from Sculpture Club, Cricket, Football, Debate, DT Club, Drama Club, to STEM activities, Swimming and Table Tennis, with many more.

We are proud of our Royal Marines - Combined Cadet Force (CCF), this offers life changing experiences that no other extra-curricular activity can match. It is open to students in Years 9-13. Students in Years 8 and 9 can apply to join in the summer term each year.

Attending extra curricular clubs helps to develop emotional, social and interpersonal skills and improves resilience and confidence. They are also a great way to make friends and have fun. We strongly encourage students to try as many activities on offer as possible and expect Year 7 to attend something every day.

The extracurricular clubs' timetable is available on the school website:
<https://www.ernestbevinacademy.org.uk/school-life/clubs-and-activities>

We expect every Year 7 to take part in at least one extra curricular activity each week.



Parent Tip:

- Talk to your son about the clubs and encourage him to try something new

Refreshments and Meals

School meals are provided by Harrisons caterers. The on-site catering team prepare fresh food on site that fulfils all current government requirements for healthy living.

A choice of hot meals, including a vegetarian option, is served daily plus baguettes, pasta, soup and baked potatoes. Healthy eating is important for the students so that they can have a nutritious tasty meal. All meat is Halal and we promote Meat-Free Mondays.

Food is available to purchase at morning break time where students can buy healthy snacks and drinks.

Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch; this should be eaten in the lunch hall. We encourage families to provide healthy packed lunches.

Students must not bring in sweets, chewing gum, fizzy drinks or energy drinks.

Cashless School

We operate a cashless biometric system to pay for meals to make the dinner service as speedy as possible.

Parents must put credit onto their son's Arbor account. Parents will be given information about how to set up a personal account when their son joins the school.

Breakfast Club

EBA offers a free Breakfast Club for all students from 8.15-8.30am by the student entrance. Research has shown eating a healthy breakfast improves student concentration in morning.

Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to eligible students.

If you think your child may be eligible please ask the school office for an application form or visit the local authority (where you are resident) website and complete the application.

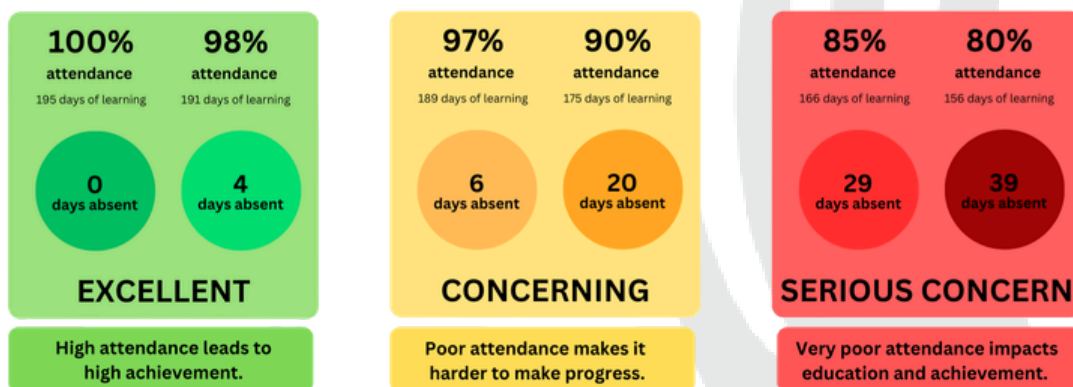
Please note, free school meals entitlement does not roll over automatically from primary school, you will need to reapply.

Parent Tip:

- Please ensure there is enough money on his Arbor account to pay for lunch
- Please apply for free school meal entitlement as it enables the school claim for additional resources and helps to support your son to attend trips etc

Attendance and Punctuality

What is Good Attendance?



Regular attendance and punctuality is crucial to learning. The school has an electronic system to register both daily school and individual lesson attendance. Parents are alerted to non-attendance by an Arbor message in the morning after the registers have closed.

Illness

Should a student be unwell, parents should telephone the school on 0208 672 8582 and press 1 for the absence hotline.

You can send a message via the Arbor app. This message should include your son's name, tutor group and reason for absence. You can also email absence@ernestbevinacademy.org.uk

Term Time Absence

Holidays should not be taken in term time. Any requests for term time absence that is not due to illness must go to the Principal. Please try and book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours and non-emergency appointments during the school holidays.

Latecomers

Latecomers should sign in at the student entrance or reception. An appointment card must be shown if lateness is due to an appointment.

Students must arrive to school by 8.35am. Students arriving after this time are considered late.

An hour detention will be set for the same day if there is no acceptable reason for lateness or proof of appointment or a break time detention

Parent Tip:

- Please ensure your son has excellent attendance – aim for 100%
- Please help your son to arrive on time for school each day. We recommend all students are on site by 8.35am but the school is open to students from 8:15am for breakfast club. Students must be ready for line up in the playground at 8.37am
- If you have to report an absence please telephone the school or report it using the Arbor app
- Please do not book holidays during the school term

Keeping in Contact

At EBA we recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents. Your son's tutor is the first point of contact for students.

We use the Arbor app to keep in contact with parents and families. This enables you to feel as much a part of your son's education as possible by providing daily updates on achievement and behaviour.

Arbor is a free parent app that you should download to your smartphone as soon as your son starts at the school to enable us to send messages straight to your phone. The app will automatically sync with your son's records by using your phone number & email so please ensure you keep the school up to date with any changes.

Parent Portal Link

We will send messages directly to the app telling you important information about your son's education and to remind you about events such as parents' evening.

How to contact us

By Arbor App

The Arbor app can be downloaded free of charge on to your smartphone via Google Play or Apple store. Once you have installed the app search for Ernest Bevin Academy and follow the instructions. It will take 24-48 hours for the system to synchronise with your son's records at school.

By Phone

Contact the school office directly on 020 8672 8582 and ask to be put through to the relevant member of staff. If they are unavailable please leave a message and it will be passed on to the member of staff. The majority of our staff are with students during the school day so they may need to call back at the end of teaching time.

By Email

Contact mail@ernestbevinacademy.org.uk
Emails will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

In person

If you would prefer to speak to a member of staff please make contact in advance and arrange for a convenient time. It is unlikely that you will be able to meet with a member of staff if you come in to school without a pre-arranged meeting booked and we would strongly discourage parents from doing so except in an emergency.



Rewards, Behaviour and Wellbeing

The school has a clear code of conduct and discipline procedure which is explained to students and families before joining the schools. Students will sign a Home School Agreement, outlining their commitment to upholding our high standards.

Rewards

Making sure students are acknowledged, praised and students are commended for doing the right thing is as important as the behaviour policy. There are many ways which we reward good behaviour at our school, including the use of positive points. When a teacher awards positive points to a student, parents are notified via Arbor. Additionally, we host formal awards evenings where students are recognised for their achievements and presented with certificates and prizes.

Bevin Boy Project

The Bevin Boy Project is a school initiative that celebrates and recognises boys who consistently demonstrate our core values of Ambition, Perseverance and Unity. Each week, Heads of Years nominate students who have shown outstanding commitment to these values through their attitude, effort and contributions to the school community. Two Bevin Boy awards are presented every week—one to a student in Key Stage 3 and one to a student in Key Stage 4—highlighting positive role models and encouraging all students to strive for excellence both in and out of the classroom.

Behaviour

Students who fail to meet the expectations of the code of conduct (The EBA Way) can expect to have sanctions applied. By staff, departments or year teams. Sanctions include community service and detentions, or placed in the reflection room, out of general circulation for a period of time.

School staff use restorative justice techniques to resolve issues and to improve behaviour; this is a successful technique for resolving arguments and encouraging students to take responsibility for their actions.

Parent Tip:

- Please support the school's behaviour policy and encourage your son to comply with The EBA Way



Rewards, Behaviour and Wellbeing

At Ernest Bevin Academy we strive to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the whole school community.

We have achieved the Wellbeing Award for schools twice.

If you are concerned about your son, please contact your son's tutor in the first instance. Each key stage has a pastoral support officer dedicated to offering support and guidance to students.

Should students need more emotional and mental health support there is a qualified counsellor, who offers weekly one to one counselling sessions on referral.

We train a team of year 10 students as 'Wellbeing Ambassadors' who are easily recognisable by the wellbeing ambassador badges they proudly wear. The Wellbeing Ambassadors run a lunch time club for year 7 and 8 students where they offer a space for peer support, mentoring, wellbeing advice, colouring and board games. We are also able to signpost or refer students to services such as Kooth, Catch 22 and CAMHs where necessary.

Medical Needs

Students with medical needs may keep prescription medications (asthma inhalers, epipens etc) in the medical room. Complex medical needs will require a meeting with a member of staff to agree and a plan. Please fill in a medical form (via Applica) with as much detail as possible and if you have any concerns talk to your son's tutor.

Parent Tip:

- Please seek help if you have concerns about your son's wellbeing or changes in their behaviour
- Please keep the school informed about any medical conditions



Homework and Teams

Homework

Students at Ernest Bevin Academy are encouraged to get into good home learning habits early in Year 7. Homework helps to extend learning, consolidate what they have learnt in class and encourage independent study.

Homework is set according to a timetable and is closely monitored by tutors and teachers. If students are having trouble completing homework, they should talk to the teacher who has set it ahead of the deadline.

Computers are available in the library at lunch time and after school for students to do their homework. Incomplete or missing homework will be completed during a detention at lunchtime or after school.

Microsoft Teams

At Ernest Bevin Academy, teachers use an online platform called Microsoft Teams to set the majority of homework. Students are given a login with their usernames and passwords for Microsoft Teams. Students are asked to make a brief note in their planner reminding them of the homework set in each lesson and parents are asked to check the planner and remind students to do their homework on time.

New Group Reading Test (NGRT)

We conduct an NGRT at the start of Years 7 and 8. Students whose reading age is below their chronological age receive targeted literacy intervention. Support is delivered by specialist trained staff and includes either phonics or reciprocal reading. Students are assessed again mid-year, and support is adjusted where required.

The library is open at lunchtimes, and students are encouraged to borrow books weekly. Tutor groups also read books together during tutor time, with students reading an average of four books per year.



Assessment

Reporting

Parents/carers receive your child's progress three times a year:

Autumn Term - Attitude to learning scores

Spring Term - Mid-Term assessment grades

Summer Term - End of Year assessments and tutor comments

Parents/Carers Evening

Parent's/carers Evening is an important opportunity to discuss your son's progress with subject teachers. We expect all parents to attend,

Learning Showcase

Our Year 7 Learning Showcase in the autumn term offers parents the chance to come in to school and see work that students have completed in their first few weeks. It also gives parents the opportunity to meet with members of staff informally.

Assessment

The school holds a baseline test at the start of the year, mid-year assessments in January, and an assessment week in June for all year groups to assess the progress and learning that has taken place during the academic year. In Year 7 assessments normally take place in the classroom, during lesson time, but as students get older formal examination-style assessments take place in the main hall to familiarise the student with public exam conditions.

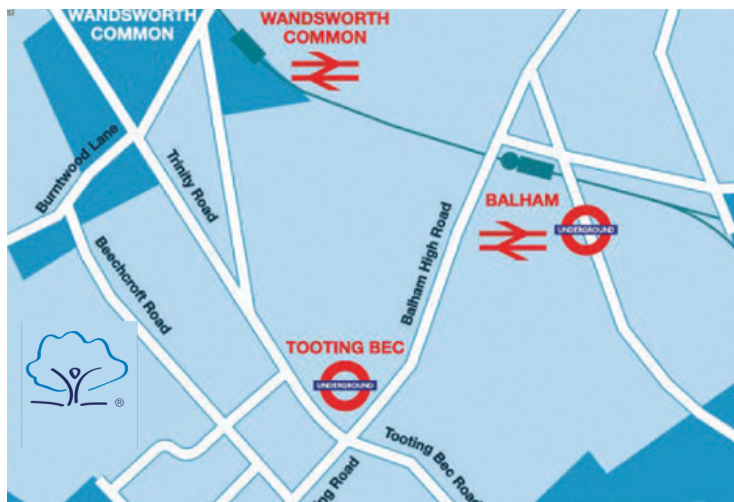
Parent Tip:

- Please ensure you are receiving regular communications from school via Arbor and look out for your son's report
- Help your son to prepare for assessments and examinations by encouraging him to review or revise the work he has done
- Look out for revision tips from school and help your son to get into good habits early on



Travel to School

We encourage students to travel to school either by foot, by bike or by public transport in order to minimise congestion and the impact on the local community.



By Tube:

We are a short walk from Tooting Bec tube station.

By Bus:

Routes 155, 219, 249, 319, 315, 355, 690 all pass by close to the school.

By Bike students should:

- Use the bike racks by the student entrance to lock their bikes.
- Please note: Electronic Scooters/Bikes are NOT allowed.
- Always wear a helmet and be vigilant when cycling on local roads Wear high-visibility clothing and have lights if cycling in the dark
- Use a good quality D bike lock to secure their bike in the designated areas
- Students should not share a lock with friends

For more information click on the link to the TFL website (and enter EBA's postcode SW17 7DF) [Transport for London](#)

Parent Tip:

- Please practice routes with your son to ensure he knows his way to school and home again
- Encourage your son to travel to school with a friend or someone who lives nearby
- Please ensure your son leaves in good time so that he is not running late
- Encourage your son to cross the road at pedestrian and zebra crossings particularly at busy junctions such as at Tooting Bec

Key Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 30th October 2026

- INSET DAYS – 1st & 2nd September 2026 (School closed for students)
- Years 7 & 11 – Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Autumn break: Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026

- INSET DAYS – 2nd November and 27th November 2026 (School closed for students)
- Christmas break: Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Term 3

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February 2027

- INSET DAYS - 4th January and 22nd January 2027 (School closed for students)
- Winter break: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March 2027

- Easter break: Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April 2027

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2027

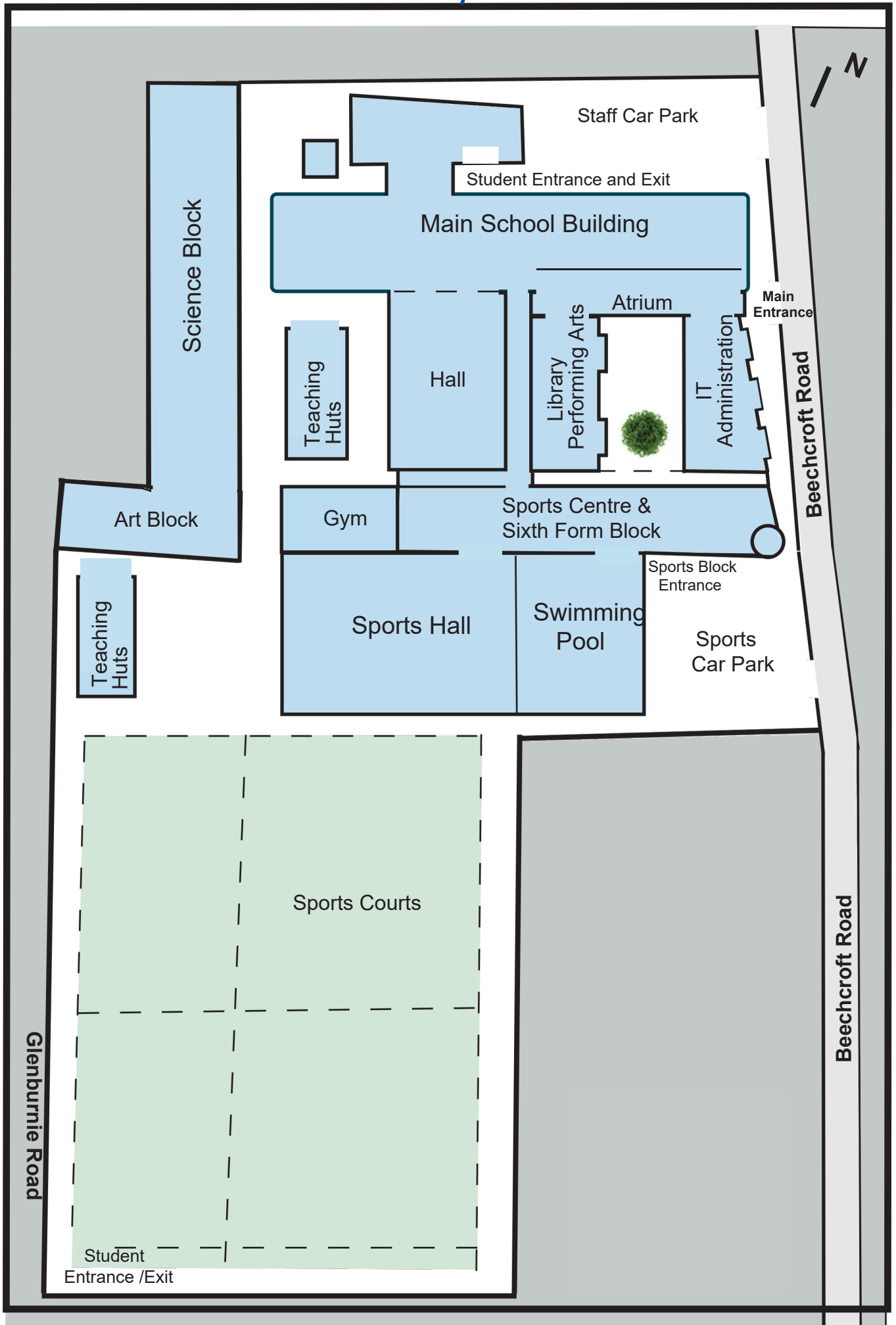
- INSET DAY – 12th April 2027 (School closed for students)
- Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2027
- Spring break: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Friday 16th July 2027

- INSET DAY – 2nd July 2027 (School closed for students)
- Summer break: Monday 19th July – Friday 27th August 2027

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