

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a good summer. It has been great to see students returning today to begin their learning. They have been positive, engaged and made an excellent start to the year. All students have received an assembly today emphasising our commitment to 'Excellence for All' and the need to Work Hard, Be Kind and Do the Right Thing.

I am very excited for the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring. With the end of bubbles, it feels that the school will be a more normal environment. With this comes the opportunity to have enrichment, school performances and productions and all the other exciting events the school traditionally offered.

For me this is an exciting year, as you probably know I have worked at the Charter School since 2014 and know a great many of yourselves, yet, this year is a new opportunity for myself as Head of School. I am looking forward to being able to get to know all the students and hope the new Year 7s and 12s have had a warm welcome to the school.

Please see below for important information

Key Dates

- Thursday 16th September 2021- New Year 7 Social Event
- Wednesday 29th September 2021- New Year 7 Open Day
- Thursday 7th October 2021- Y11 Achievement Evening
- Wednesday 13th October 2021- Y13 Achievement Evening
- Thursday 4th November 2021- Sixth Form Open Day
- Thursday 18th November 2021- Y12 Achievement Evening
- There may be a few Early Closures this term but this is still to be confirmed

Enrichment

The enrichment timetable is currently being developed, with the removal of certain Covid related restrictions, we are hoping to offer a fuller timetable than last year, which will give students the opportunity to develop their selves further.

Whole School Daily Schedule

Please find the attached the updated whole school daily schedule. All students should arrive between 8.15 and 8.30 in full uniform and go directly to their designated line up area. Arriving after 8.30 without a valid reason will result in a red card detention.

Covid-19

As you know, we have been testing all students in school; after the second test in school, students will be provided with Lateral Flow Tests to complete at home twice weekly. If students develop symptoms (persistent cough, high

temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell), or if they test positive or are required to quarantine, they must **NOT** come into school. Similarly, if a student in school develops symptoms, they should be sent home immediately.

The DfE guidance now states that if a student is informed, they have been in close contact with a positive case they are strongly advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all students to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Uniform

As previously outlined, it is very important that all students arrive to school in the correct uniform and following the rules regarding jewellery (only one pair of stud earrings allowed, no nose piercings, rings, necklaces, or bracelets).

As we have communicated previously, we have made some minor changes to our uniform policy as follows:

- Trousers, skirts, and shorts must be formal **blue** (not black). Trousers must be worn around the waist and shorts and skirts must go down to just above the knee.

If you feel that this will present a problem for you, particularly financially, please contact the school as soon as possible and we will try to provide assistance.

Full details of the school's uniform and equipment requirements can be found on the school website under parent information

I look forward to the year ahead and the exciting opportunities it will bring for the students and the school, and hopefully we will be able to meet with you in the coming months.

Kind Regards

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