



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus Update 41**

I hope that I am not tempting fate by writing to you about some changes which we are planning to make on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. These will, unless the COVID situation forces us to change our minds, be a significant step towards normality.

**From Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June** we shall, for the first time this school year, have normal movement across the site. The five zones will no longer apply and most students will be moving between appropriate rooms lesson by lesson. The daily pattern of lessons will remain the same – students will continue to have the same subjects and the same teachers – but in most cases the location of the lessons will be changed. Every student will, nearer to the time, receive an updated copy of their daily timetable, showing where each lesson is to be taught.

This will be a major change for Year 8, who have previously had a few opportunities to get to know all of our buildings. The Year 8 tutors will be briefing them thoroughly in preparation for the change.

By the time this new arrangement comes in we shall no longer have Years 11 and 13 on the site, reducing the pressure on corridors and stairways. We shall also have more flexibility as, I trust, government regulations are gradually relaxed.

**The school day** will also alter slightly on 21<sup>st</sup> June, moving closer to the arrangement that we had before the pandemic. The significant differences are a lunch break of 30 minutes (rather than 40) and an end to the school day at 3.10 pm. The shorter lunch break becomes possible as we shall retain a second serving point in the far end of the school. The full range of snacks and hot meals will be available at both services.

The school day will be:

8.50 Morning registration  
9.00 Lesson 1  
10.00 Lesson 2  
11.00 Break  
11.15 Lesson 3  
12.20 Lesson 4  
1.20 Lunch  
1.50 Tutor Time/Assembly  
2.10 Lesson 5  
3.10 End of school

We are planning to retain these timings for the new school year beginning in September.

## **Assessment and Reporting for Years 8, 9 ,10 and 12**

There will be an assessment fortnight for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 during the w/c 28<sup>th</sup> June and w/c 5<sup>th</sup> July. For Year 12 students the assessments will be during the w/c 5<sup>th</sup> July. Given the disruption to their learning this year we think it is important to know exactly where each student stands before we start the new academic year. The results of these assessments will be shared and all students will receive an overall progress report at the end of term.

## **Awards Evenings**

There will be no awards evenings this year. We shall make the full range of awards, however, and distribute the certificates informally.

Yours sincerely,



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