



6 September 2021

Parent/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well and have had an enjoyable Summer break.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our students back into school this week and I take this opportunity to remind parents of the arrangements which were sent out last term.

Year 7 will come for their induction day tomorrow, Tuesday, 7th September 2021. The day begins with students having their second Lateral Flow test ahead of their induction and students should arrive at the following times :

- 7 Bampffield - 8.30am
- 7 Bourne - 8.50am
- 7 Feckenham - 9.10am
- 7 Fisher - 9.30am
- 7 Challoner - 9.50am
- 7 More - 10.10am

Following their tests, year 7 will continue with their induction and their day ends at 3.00pm, our usual finishing time for students.

Year 12 students also have their induction day on Tuesday which involves a wide range of different activities and will last from 9.00am until 3.00pm.

All year groups will be in school on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 onwards. Students should arrive ready for an 8.30am start. We are not asking different year groups to use specific gates on site so students are able to arrive by the front or back entrance – whichever is more convenient. Sixth form students should use the entrance in the Canon Parsons 6th Form block.

Students should arrive early and in full school uniform or business dress for 6th Form and with all their correct equipment.

I hope staff are enabled to focus on conversations to support student's learning and are not sidetracked into avoidable situations regarding incorrect uniform or missing equipment. If a student is cycling to school, they must have completed their Cycling Proficiency test and ensure they wear a helmet whilst cycling. Please note that scooters of any type are not permitted at our school.

Students in Year 7 will be issued with their canteen cards on their first day.

If any student is using the canteen, please make sure their Wisepay account is topped up so they have sufficient funds to make their purchases. We are very proud that our school has attained a Healthy Schools award recently and this is in part due to our approach in our canteen. All of the menus are available on our website including allergen information. We (like all schools) are a nut-free school and we have told students that high sugar/energy drinks are not allowed on our site. Your support here in trying to encourage our students to adopt a healthy approach to their food and drink in schools is much appreciated.

Students will receive their new timetables this week and see when they have their PE lessons. PE kit has to be brought into school separately, with individual items labelled. We are reverting to students getting changed for PE as this supports a good personal hygiene approach to Sport and PE. I very much hope parents understand this and continue to support us with ensuring our students have the correct kit for this essential curriculum area.

Please remember that mobile phones are banned items at our school for students in Years 7 to 11. Again, I have to rely on parental support in ensuring that this very clear rule is adhered to. Whilst we undertake spot checks at times for phones or searches as required, staff would much rather focus on supporting students' learning rather than having to deal with confiscating banned items.

Our rules and systems are designed to help ensure our community stays safe and that our young people can focus on their learning. We will continue to do all we can to ensure our students are happy, safe and that they make good progress whilst they are with us. Please do support us in our efforts to serve our young people to the very best of our ability.

I look forward to seeing you in person at some point this term and thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

With every good luck.



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