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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am delighted to welcome you all back to our new academic year and in my new role as Head of School. I hope you and your families have had a relaxing summer holiday and all children have had a chance to recharge ready for the year ahead.

As a School and Trust, we have kept a close eye on the government guidance given to schools for September. As it stands to date, there has been no significant change in this so we will proceed as planned for next week. On students' first day back in school they will be tested by our staff in the Sports Hall. They will receive a second test within 5 days of the first and then we will be asking students to test themselves at home twice a week initially until the end of September.

We will continue to follow the guidance set out by the government for Covid safety considerations. This will include increased cleaning of touch points and communal areas, ventilation of indoor spaces, washing/sanitising of hands on entry to classrooms, continued reminders from staff to students on maintaining high levels of hygiene.

We have also decided to keep the arrangements in place for wearing PE kit to school on days when students have PE. Students will need to wear items from the PE kit list. Hoodies and non PE jumpers will not be allowed as part of this.

You will likely be aware that the rules around close contacts, testing and self-isolation have changed as of 16 August. We will be following this guidance, and a summary can be found on the page opposite - Close Contacts and Isolation September 2021.

The return to school dates are as follows:

Year 7 – Thursday 2 September

Year 11 – Friday 3 September

Year 10 – Monday 6 September

Year 9 – Tuesday 7 September

Year 8 – Wednesday 8 September

To make sure all students are prepared to dive back into their learning over the next 2 weeks, I would ask that you check that they have their correct uniform items and equipment. A common item that creeps in, which are not allowed, are black trainers as school shoes (e.g. Nike Air Force). As ever if you are finding it difficult to secure any items of equipment or uniform, please do contact your child's tutor or Head of Year and we will do our best to support you.

I look forward to seeing all the students when they return over the next 2 weeks. We have some exciting events planned for this term to reconnect the students as a whole community, as well as a whole host of wider curriculum activities.

Yours faithfully



Mr A King

Head of School