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26th August 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to outline the arrangements for the start of term. We very much look forward to welcoming back your child into their new year group and hope you find the information below a useful starting point in helping your child prepare.

Thursday 1st September – INSET Day

Friday 2nd September – INSET Day

Monday 5th September – Year 7 and Year 12 only

Year 7: We ask Year 7 students to arrive in full school uniform at 8.40am and go to the Main Hall where they will be welcomed by staff. Year 7 students do not require PE kit on their first day. Students will have an assembly at the start of the day and then will take part in a number of orientation exercises to help them find their way round the school and to settle in. After lunchtime Year 7 students will have their first lessons. During the day students will also have their school photograph taken.

Year 12: Year 12 students should arrive at 9am and make their way promptly to the Sixth Form Hall. Here they will register, pick up their timetables and collect their lanyards. This will then be followed by an assembly. During the day Year 12 students will have time with their tutor followed by their first lessons after lunch.

Tuesday 6th September

Year 7 – We ask Year 7 students to join us on Tuesday 6th September at 10.45am (Breaktime). This allows us to run induction for the older year groups in the morning session and it also gives Year 7 students a slightly later start following their busy induction day. After breaktime students will go directly to their lesson which they have on their timetable for Period 3 that day. Staff will be supporting students who are unsure where to go.

Years 8 –11 – Students need to arrive at 8.40am in full school uniform, ready to go to their tutor bases promptly at 8.45am. Students are required to wear full school uniform on their first day and will not require a PE kit. Students will have an extended tutor time in the morning which will also include a welcome back assembly and lessons will start Period 3 that day. If any student is unsure of where their tutor base is there will be information posted around the site and staff will be available to support.

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LIGHTHOUSE
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Year 12: to arrive at **9.55am** to join Y13s in tutor bases for period 2

Year 13: to arrive at **9.05 am** in the Sixth Form Hall for their induction

From Wednesday 7th September – Timings of the School Day

TIMINGS OF THE DAY

A bell will ring at 8.40am each morning to indicate to students that they need to go to registration and at 11.10am to indicate the end of break (11.25am on Fridays).

	MONDAY TO THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
	Years 7, 8 & 9	Years 10, 11 & 6th	Years 7, 8 & 9	Years 10, 11 & 6th
Registration/ Assembly	8.45 - 9.05am	8.45 - 9.05am	8.45 - 9.20am	8.45 - 9.20am
Period 1	9.05 - 9.55am	9.05 - 9.55am	9.20 - 10.10am	9.20 - 10.10am
Period 2	9.55 - 10.45am	9.55 - 10.50am	10.10 - 11.00am	10.10 - 11.05am
Break	10.45 - 11.15am	10.50 - 11.15am	11.00 - 11.30am	11.05 - 11.30am
Period 3	11.15 - 12.00pm	11.15 - 12.00pm	11.30 - 12.15pm	11.30 - 12.20pm
Period 4	12.00 - 12.50pm	12.00 - 12.55pm		
Lunch	12.50 - 1.30pm Bell rings at 1.30pm	12.55 - 1.30pm Bell rings at 1.30pm	12.15 - 12.50pm Bell rings at 12.50pm	12.20 - 12.50pm Bell rings at 12.50pm
Period 5	1.35 - 2.25pm	1.35 - 2.25pm	12.55 - 1.45pm	12.55 - 1.45pm
Period 6	2.25 - 3.15pm	2.25 - 3.15pm	1.45 - 2.35pm	1.45 - 2.40pm
SCHOOL ENDS	3.15pm	3.20pm	2.35pm	2.40pm

Uniform Information and Expectations

To view the detailed information regarding school uniform please follow [this link](#) to the letter sent out last term. We look forward to seeing students arrive in full school uniform at the start of term. In response to parental feedback on the cost of drop waisted skirts, we can confirm that from September students will be permitted to wear a pleated skirt without a drop waist. Tube, lycra, skater style or elastane skirts are still not permitted.

Lunchtime and Canteen arrangements

For the start of term students will continue to use their 4 digit 'PIN' number. This is the same as the students' exam number and the number that they use for printing. Tutors will remind / inform students of their PIN number on the first day.

For the first few days, Year 7 students will be released early for lunch, to allow them to familiarise themselves with the Dining arrangements.

Equipment List

Essential:

- minimum two pens (blue/black ink)
- ruler
- pencils
- eraser
- protractor
- pair of compasses
- scientific calculator

Desirable:

- highlighters
- glue stick
- pencil sharpener

Please note that Tippex or any other correcting fluid is not permitted in school.

Parental Information Evenings in September

In the new academic year, we will be hosting parent information evenings for each year group. Please find below the relevant dates for your diary.

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| • Wednesday 7 th September | Year 12 in the Sixth Form Hall |
| • Monday 12 th September | Year 8 (online) |
| • Tuesday 13 th September | Year 9 (online) |
| • Wednesday 14 th September | Year 13 (online) |
| • Thursday 15 th September | Year 10 (online) |
| • Wednesday 21 st September | Year 7 (online) |
| • Thursday 22 nd September | Year 11 (online) |

All presentations will begin at 6pm. Links will be sent out in advance of the online events.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school.

Yours faithfully



Louise Blundell
Headteacher