



10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an absolute joy to welcome students back this week and, especially, to meet them in assemblies for the first time in eighteen months. Uniform has mostly been excellent, and it's been great to see students starting the new year so positively. A particular mention to the new Year 7, who seem to have taken to Gordano like ducks to water.

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Nuts in school

All students have been informed this week in assemblies that, due to having a couple of students with very severe nut allergies in school, we are asking that nuts are not brought onto the school site. Your support in this is really appreciated.

Covid home testing

We have now completed the 'in school' testing process, and all students should now have been issued a box of home test kits. Should any students still not have one then they can collect a kit from the Student Centre.

Students should test themselves twice a week, which we ask to be on a Monday and a Thursday. We will issue reminders to log the results on our 'TestRegister' system, and ask that you also record the result on the gov.uk website (there is a link at the end of the TestRegister process).

We will re-issue kits to all students just before they are due to run out.

Music Technology Day at Backwell School for students in Years 9-13

As we begin to return to our usual programme of events and opportunities to students, Backwell School are offering a Technology and Music Workshop on Wednesday 29th September, which is open to students in LSP schools. More information is available on their website here:

<https://www.backwellschool.net/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=11>

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Future communications from me

It has been reassuring to hear how welcome our communications have been throughout the pandemic, and it seems to have really helped the flow of information to households during these crazy times. I think we've all learnt about the importance of clear communication and consistent messaging over the last 18 months and I don't want to lose that - it's so important in a community of this size.

However, as we hopefully return to some form of more 'normal' rhythm, I will plan to reduce the frequency of these letters to fortnightly unless there is a particular need to write more often.

'Speak' to you again in a couple of weeks (hopefully!)

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Inman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Inman
Headteacher