



19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

I wrote to you last week with details of changes to our school procedures for next academic year. In that letter, I stated that, following the departure of our Year 11 and Year 13 students and with updates to Government guidance, we would be making some changes to our procedures to begin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, after the May half term.

### Classrooms

Students will return to being taught within department areas around the school. This will have obvious benefits to the students regarding the delivery of the curriculum and the range of activities on offer in lessons. In addition to the educational benefits, we have considered other factors in making this decision, such as:

- decreased numbers of positive cases nationally and locally
- measures such as twice-weekly home testing
- updates to national guidance regarding the requirement of face masks for students
- continued structure of three lessons results in all lessons bookended with a break and fresh air
- break times between lessons allow for ventilation of rooms between year groups

For our Year 7 students, this will be an exciting opportunity to experience more of our site and we will be putting support in place to assist them in learning the layout of the school.

### Toilets

We will continue to limit the number of students accessing facilities, however with reduced year groups in school we are able to extend the availability of toilets to the students on site.

### Assemblies

We are looking forward to returning to year group liturgies and assemblies. These will take place in the Auditorium, which is a large, well-ventilated space. The ability to worship, celebrate and reflect as a cohort has huge social benefits for our students.

To provide a smooth transition for our students, we will host Information assemblies in the week ahead of half term, to communicate the changes detailed in this letter.

### Playgrounds

Before school, break and lunch time, students will continue to use allocated playground areas. This is in line with wider national guidance and will reduce the risk of cross-year transmission.

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From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, social zones will be:

Year 7	Top playground
Year 8	Maddens / middle playground for the second half of lunch
Year 9	Bottom playground
Year 10	Middle playground
Year 12	Bottom floor of the Sixth Form College, due to the refurbishment of Father Dan's/Common Room beginning.

Before the half term break, students will receive an updated timetable with their amended classrooms.


As the national restrictions are lifted and Government Guidance changes, we will continue to review our procedures to enable the students further freedoms and access to all facilities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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