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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Weekly newsletter: Friday 10 September 2021**

We have had a wonderful first week in school. Our year 7s joined us last Friday and they have settled in really quickly and we have seen them grow in confidence as the week has progressed. Our older pupils have been welcoming, supportive of them and have embraced them into our school community and I thank them for that.

All pupils have looked incredibly smart and have worn our uniform with pride. I would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring this is the case. Going forward, if there are issues with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's House Tutor and we will work together to find a solution.

I have had the privilege to be in and out many classrooms this week. There has been a real calm and orderly feel within the classroom which has allowed teachers to focus on their teaching and pupils on their learning. Pupils have actively engaged in their lessons and their behaviour has been excellent. This positive feel has also extended to break and lunchtimes. Pupils are walking around the school site with smiles on their faces and they have been incredibly kind, polite and respectful to their peers and staff.

Next week, our amended behaviour policy comes into practice. This has been shared with pupils at the start of this week and I have given them a reminder this morning. I have discussed the clear rationale behind the changes and how they will benefit each child in maximising all the opportunities available within school whilst preparing them for life beyond their time with us. As illustrated above, pupils have responded incredibly well to our collective raised expectations so we do not envisage any issues going forward.

I have attached a copy of our behaviour flow chart for your reference. The system is designed to allow opportunities for a pupil to correct their behaviour, should this be necessary, before it escalates to a potentially more serious sanction. You will see that there is an increased focus on punctuality both to school and lessons. Should there be a genuine reason for your child being late to school (arriving after 8.40 am), please can we ask you contact school in advance of their arrival. Pupils have a five minute 'window' between lessons to allow for movement across the school site and if needed, the opportunity to go to the toilet although we would encourage pupils to use these facilities before school and at break and lunchtime.

Any P3 or above sanction will be communicated directly with you via ClassCharts.

Staff are praising pupils who actively demonstrate our values of commitment, creativity and community. These many successes will be shared with pupils during form time, year group assemblies and end of term celebration assemblies.

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## **Theatre Trip**

On Wednesday evening 40 students from years 8 - 11 and four members of staff went to the Lowry theatre in Manchester to watch the musical 'Everybody's talking about Jamie'. It was fantastic to be back watching live theatre again and the students were fabulous. A member of the public commented at the end of the performance that the students were delightful and an absolute credit to the school.

## **Extra-curricular opportunities starting next week**

Below is a list of the extra-curricular activities currently running this term. I would like to encourage all pupils to engage with as many of these opportunities as possible to enhance their experiences of school life.

**Music:** 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm in the music room

Monday: Ukulele  
Tuesday: The Trebles Singing Group  
Wednesday: Boom Whackers  
Thursday: Band

### **Dance Club:**

Monday: Year 7 Dance  
Wednesday: Year 8&9 Dance

**PE:** 3.05 pm – 4.00 pm

Tuesday: Year 7 Rugby  
Year 10 and 11 fitness - Gym  
Years 7,8 and 9 Girls netball at netball courts

Wednesday: Year 8 and 9 Fitness  
Year 8 and 9 Rugby  
All years and staff badminton

Thursday: Year 7 and 8 girls football

**Science club:** 3.05 – 4.05 every Tuesday in C6

### **Handwriting club:**

Friday lunchtime on Week A in A1 with Miss Timperley

**Coding:** coming soon...

## **Parents' Evenings**

Hopefully you have taken the opportunity to complete a very short survey regarding parents' evenings this year. The two options are to continue using school cloud and holding the evening remotely or return to the evening being held in school. If you would like to share your preferred option with us, please access the survey through the link below and complete by Monday 13 September:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8jfX3t07d0eAvV75jyg8kCUPi2KuvPBFIVGzHZOqBI1UQUJRWks1MDIKWIJKU0QyODdEVFJRNDdNNS4u>

## **Open Evening**

If you have a child who is currently in year 5 or 6, we would like to invite you to our open evening on Thursday 30 September, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome and the opportunity to explore our school site and meet with our pupils and staff.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support which has enabled us to make a very positive start to the new academic year. I look forward to the term ahead and working in partnership with you to ensure we provide the best education for your child.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Cowper  
Acting Principal