

2 September 2020

Dear Families,

As we draw a close to the first day of term I wanted to write to you to let you all know how things have gone.

It has been a busy summer for our staff who have been working hard to prepare for our full re-opening this September. Not that we needed it but just seeing all of our lovely new Year 7 and Year 12 on site today has been a wonderful reminder of why we all do what we do.

Our Year 7 students arrived looking super smart in their uniform with new school ties. Immediately they and the staff, felt a sense of smaller community with staff also wearing new coloured lanyards to reflect their smaller school allegiance for either Attenborough, Franklin, Holmes or Turing.

The students have been an absolute delight. Following instructions and learning the ropes. It has been a lot to take in and we are ready and waiting to go over anything that is needed tomorrow and the next day.

Year 12 have also started really positively and we are delighted that so many students have chosen to come back into our Sixth Form. With over 90 students, I believe that we are one of the largest upper school Sixth Forms in the local area, but still small enough to retain that personal touch with smaller class sizes and individual support structures.

As you will be aware, the government released updated guidance for educational settings over the Bank Holiday weekend, which we have been working through and will communicate updates to families in the next few days. Of most notable importance will be guidance for families in relation to the government's new 4 Tier approach should the local area go into lockdown and contingency plans based on any school or locality experiencing any positive cases or clusters of COVID-19.

I will write to you again with an update in this weeks Families Bulletin which is sent out every Friday. In the meantime, I thought it might be helpful just to clarify the entrance and exit gates and timings for students in different year groups (see diagram and table overleaf). These will be used for the foreseeable future and are important measures for us to maintain a safe distance between year group 'bubbles'.

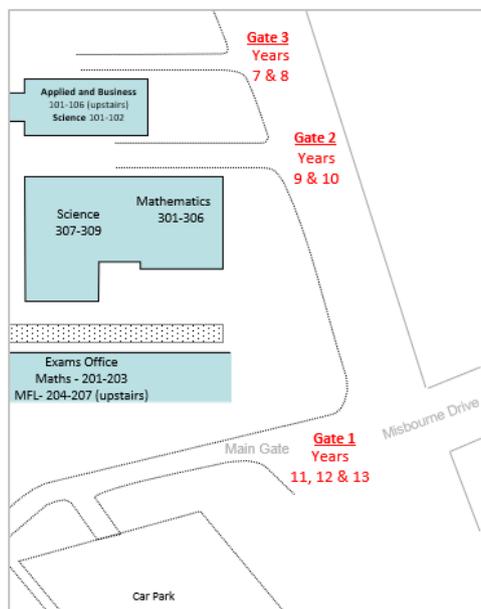
We very much look forward to welcoming back our Year 8 and 10 students tomorrow and our Year 9, 11 and 13 students on Friday.

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Year Group	Gate	Arrival times	Year Group Zone	Departure from lessons
7	3	8.30 am	Behind Applied and Business	3.10 pm
8	3	8.15 am	Behind Intervention Room (former student services)	3.05 pm
9	2	8.30 am	Art & Technology side of playground	3.10 pm
10	2	8.15 am	Science side of playground	3.05 pm
11	1	8.30 am	Tennis courts	3.10 pm
Sixth Form	1	8.15 am	Paved area in front of café	3.05 pm

Yours sincerely,



Ms Jo Meloni
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