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Dear Parents/Guardians

Middle School Induction Morning – Wednesday 2 September 2020

In order to allow boys to familiarise themselves with the new working systems put in place in response to Government Guidelines, the school will be implementing an increased staggered start to the academic year. There will be a maximum of 2 year groups in school at any one time during the first week:

Day	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 1 September	12
Wednesday 2 September	7 & 9
Thursday 3 September	8 & 10
Friday 4 September	11 & 13

The whole school will return on Monday 7 September for the new start time of 9.30am.

There will be an induction morning for all students entering Year 9 **on Wednesday 2 September at 9.30am**. They should make their way to the Sports Hall yard at the designated time. Year 9 should use the Exeter Street main gate for entering school and use the hand sanitiser stationed at the gate, as per guidelines sent out by the Head Master. They should line up in tutor groups observing social distancing as much as possible.

Boys should come to school in full school uniform and bring their own pen, pencil and notebook to make notes from the day's information talks. In the Sports Hall, they will be seated with appropriate distancing and will be addressed by the Head of School / Year about the new workings of their school day.

The morning's programme will also focus on the important issues that face the students as they enter and progress through the Middle School. These include standards of behaviour, differences in the teaching, assessment of work, and their interpersonal development as they progress through their GCSE studies. By raising these issues we hope to minimise the problems and anxieties that can arise at this time. In order to minimise curriculum disruption, the boys will have their Year 9 individual photographs (for internal school use) taken on this day.

Boys will receive a short talk from:

- Dr Smallwood - Head Master
- Mrs Jenner – Head of Middle School
- Mr Higson – Senior Tutor

- Mrs Armstrong – Independent Careers Adviser
- Mr Denham - Assistant Head of Middle School / Head of Year 9

Boys will be dismissed after they have had their talks and individual photographs. We will aim to have all students dismissed by 1.30pm.

The Dining Hall will not be open to Year 9's on this particular day at lunchtime. Students may choose to bring in a packed lunch to eat on the yard whilst they wait for their photographs, especially if they are in 9O, 9P or 9W. Please be aware that nuts or food items that contain nuts are not allowed on the school site. Your son should also bring a **named** water bottle to drink from, as water fountains are not expected to be in use due to Government Guidelines.

Please could you note that once the whole school returns, everyone with Games/PE that day should arrive already changed in their kit. The amount of changing is to be kept to a minimum but boys will need to get changed into their full uniform after they have Games/PE during periods 1-6. Therefore, only one bag should be brought to school **unless** your son is due to have Games/PE during periods 1-6. Your son will leave school in his kit if he has Games/PE at the end of the day.

Please make sure you have read the guidance here <https://tinyurl.com/bwsopening> with your son, as it gives important further information about the structure and format of the school day as well as the supplies he needs to bring with him which can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/bwsmaterials>. A copy of this letter will be posted on the website for your reference.

We look forward to working with you over the next three years.

Yours faithfully



Mrs M J Jenner
Head of Middle School



Mr B Denham
Assistant Head of Middle School / Head of Year 9