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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: YEAR 10 START OF TERM – 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:

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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.

For Year 10s, their first day back in school will be **Thursday 3 September at 9.30am** where they should make their way to the Sports Hall yard at the designated time. Year 10 should use the back 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.

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.

Year 10 will continue with their new timetable from period 3 onwards, which includes games in the afternoon. They should therefore ensure they come to school in their PE kit (including tracksuit bottoms) as per the new school guidelines and will also travel home in their kit at the end of the day. The amount of changing is to be kept to a minimum but the new guidelines are that boys will need to get changed into their full uniform after they have Games/PE during periods 1-6 which take place before lunch. 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.

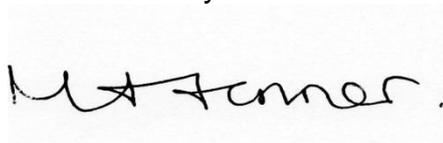
In order to comply with social distancing rules in the Dining Hall, we are introducing a new system for ordering lunches. Details are still being developed and you will receive information about how it will operate in the near future. In the meantime, we ask you to plan on providing a packed lunch on this first day. 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. All pupils will need to sanitise their hands on entering the Dining Hall.

Please ensure your son checks Insight on or after 1 September for timetable information.

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 and 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 hope that this staggered start will allow for a smoother transition the following Monday when there will be significantly more pupils on site.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Jenner', written on a light-colored background.

Mrs M Jenner
Head of Middle School