

## School Update

Dear Parent and Carers

We are really excited for the start of term next week. Teachers and support staff have been super busy getting everything ready for a smooth start back. Many staff have also been very busy testing our Y7 and Y8 students.

Y7 and Y8 testing on Monday will run the same as today so please register your child's second Covid testing registration card on Sunday evening or Monday morning and ensure that they bring it with them. Testing will again be in the small lab and the mobiles. Y7 and Y8 are only in for their test on Monday and will start back as normal on Tuesday morning.

Staff will be at the bottom of the drive on Monday morning ready to meet and greet Y5 with Y6 heading to their morning location of the new building open area. Both year groups will have a year assembly from myself and then some time getting organised with their new class teacher and class. Normal lessons will start period 3 on Monday. Y7 and Y8 will also have time with their class teachers and an assembly on Tuesday morning and then start normal lessons period 3. You will receive a text if your child is in KS3 and they have PE on Tuesday so they know to come in in their PE kit. Year 5 and Y6 will have their timetables given to them on Monday.

Unfortunately, Miss Walker (KS3 Maths) is away for a couple of weeks recovering from an operation. Mrs Jones (who is on maternity leave) and I will cover the teaching of her groups for the next two weeks.

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – School Photo Day**

All year groups will have individual school photos taken on Wednesday. Therefore, please can ALL students come to school in school uniform. If they have PE on that day, then please can they bring in their kit in a bag and they will be able to get changed into PE kit.

### **PE days – personal hygiene**

Apart from on photo day we are continuing to ask students to come into school in PE kit on PE days. Due to this please can you encourage your child, particularly if they are KS3, to wear deodorant/antiperspirant prior to coming to school. They may also bring in a roll on to use after PE and may change into their Black PE top if needed. We do not allow aerosols in school. Thank you with your support with this.

### **Year 5 Swimming**

Please be aware that those pupil in 5DGM and 5CWK will start swimming on Tuesday so please ensure that they have their kit for this. There will be letter coming out on from Mr Sutton explaining this.

### **Talk the Talk – Y5 and Y7**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September each Y5 class will have a half day workshop from a visiting group called 'Talk the Talk'. This will be part of their transition to middle school and will be about building their confidence and communication skills.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September each Y7 class will have a full day workshop from 'Talk the Talk'. They will be working on their verbal presentation skills. There will be a contribution that we will put onto ParentPay to help us with the costs of the Talk the Talk coaches, but I will give more details about this in a few weeks' as I am aware that you have all been buying uniforms and how expensive the summer holidays can be. Half of the cost of booking these workshops was paid by 'Four Acre Trust' a charity that aims to help children develop confidence.

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## **Y8 Sustainable Clothing talk**

Also on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September Y8 will be listening to a live streamed talk about sustainable clothing from the V&A museum. This is a free event and links well to our D&T studies.

Later this half term Y6 will take part in an on-line workshop again linked to the V&A museum which will help them identify how pattern is linked to maths. More details to follow.

## **Homework**

We will not be setting any homework in the first week of term but we will put more information about homework into l'hebdo next week. We would like all students to get into good reading habits though so please encourage them to read as much as possible and mark this into their organisers by colouring in one of the books on each weekly page.

If students have completed the 'Reading Challenge' then they can bring in their certificates and we will award them extra merits.

## **Meet the teacher**

All parents will be invited to come into school on the 16<sup>th</sup> September for a 'meet the teacher' evening. This will give all parents the chance to come into school and meet their child's new class teacher and see how they have settled back into school following the disrupted last two years. The information about how to book for this will be sent electronically also.

Finally...

We are all so excited to welcome the pupils back and see and hear about all the amazing things they have done over the summer.

If you have any questions, then please do get in touch.

Thank you and see you soon

Mrs Frost

