

20 July 2021

Moving from Year 10 to Year 11 in September.

Thank you to the large number of parents that joined our webinar last week. In that I outlined a number of important changes for next year when your child is in Year 11.

The link to the recording of the webinar is here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ZuJuujoXIAUDeN3Wi8Jx79SXpzTdv1Kjkq8NWsotzZMg2D1RYfA5NRzRHU7rFitD.2L4O5m6-Bs9Z-2_3?startTime=1626105529000

I have summarised some of the main points here again as a reminder. Some of the important changes are:

- There will be a compulsory longer school day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for all students. The school day will finish at 3.40pm for Year 11 so that we can add an extra lesson of Mathematics on Tuesday and English on Wednesday.
- This is not 'GRIT' and it is not optional. It is part of the promise we made earlier in the year to ensure your child would have the time to complete their courses in full. We had a similar model for the Year 11s who left this year.
- Option subjects will have an increased number of lessons. There will be 4 (up from 3) each week – giving 25% more time overall.
- Core subjects (English, Maths and Science) will have a minimum of 6 hours per week.
- Thursdays and Fridays after school will be 'invitational intervention' where subject teachers offer smaller group support. This will be phased in after the first half term.

Senior Student Leadership Team

Last week, we conducted interviews for our prefect team. From September, they will be known as our Senior Student Leadership Team. I am delighted to announce the following:

Head Prefects: Lily Henson, Abigail Hunt.

Deputy Head Prefects: Melissa Jones, Elisabeth Roberts, Olivia Todd, Annabelle Whitter.

Senior Prefects: Natalie Danson, Lily Edwards, Max Isherwood, Jack Kershaw, Noah Poole, Lily Robinson, Lilia Yates.

In addition, we are developing a wider framework for students to have lead roles in school. This will include Form Representatives, School Councils, Staff Recruitment Panels, Eco-champions, Social Action and others. All of these will be in addition to the role of prefect.

First day back in September

Year 11s will start their final year on **Monday 6 September at 10.45am.**

They are starting slightly later that day so that we can do asymptomatic testing for COVID-19. Any students that test positive will be sent home, but from September close contacts of a positive case will not be sent home any longer.

I hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,

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