

Thursday, 15 October 2020

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the first half-term of the new academic year, we are pleased that the school has been able to return to close to normality over the last few weeks. Our students continue to impress us with their focus, particularly a large group of our Year 11 students who are arriving early and staying late as they prepare for their exams next summer. We are also enjoying this year's Black History Month with its aims of '**Celebrate. Educate. Leave a Legacy.**' and there have been a range of activities taking place to enable this to happen.

I'm writing to confirm a few dates and reminders for the next half-term:

COVID Secure

To improve our 'COVID' secure practices further, the school will start an hour later on the first day of the new half-term, Monday 2nd November. The start times are below. School will finish at the usual time on Monday 2nd and the school day will remain unchanged for all other days for the remainder of the term.

Year group	Start time for Monday 2 November 2020	Regular start time for the rest of term
Year 7	09:30	08:30
Year 8	09:30	08:30
Year 9	09:45	08:45
Year 10	09:45	08:45
Year 11	10:00	09:00
Year 12	10:00	09:00
Year 13	10:00	09:00

With the weather turning colder and COVID secure requiring rooms to remain ventilated, we will now also allow students to wear coats in lessons where ventilation means that the rooms are not as warm as usual.

With today's announcement regarding London moving into Tier 2 of the new COVID local alert system, we will await guidance from the Department of Education on any further measures and will be in touch if any are required.

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Parent Information Videos

We will be sharing virtual Parent Information videos for parents in Years 7-12 at the start of the next half term. These will set out our plans for the year ahead in relation to each year group and there will be an opportunity to attend a follow up virtual drop in to speak to Year Leaders to ask questions. We will provide details of these together with the schedule for virtual parents' evenings with your child's teachers after half-term.

Co-curriculum

We are pleased that we will be able to offer some Co-curricular activities from the start of the next half-term. These will be offered to younger students (Years 7-8) initially and will be delivered by staff and also some Sixth Formers as part of their new Community Action Project work. All Co-curricular activities will be year group bubbles only with those leading them keeping 2m distance, wherever possible, as is currently the case in all lessons. In relation to this, we are beginning a very limited range of 'COVID secure' trips where they are essential for the delivery of the Curriculum.

INSET DAY on 4 December

Friday 4 December will now be an INSET day. The full calendar of term dates and INSET days for next year is below. Please note that INSET days are subject to change but we will, of course, endeavour to give you as much notice as possible in advance of any changes.

Finally, a thank you for your ongoing support with school attendance. We are pleased that attendance by our students is significantly higher than the picture locally and across the country at the moment but I cannot stress enough how essential it is for all students to come to school unless they are self-isolating or are too unwell with non-COVID symptoms to attend.

Yours sincerely



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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Wed 2 September	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Thurs 3 September	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Fri 4 September	– Year 7 Getting Ready Day
Mon 7 September	– Students return to school
Fri 9 October	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Mon – Fri 26 – 30 October	– Half term
Fri 4 December	– INSET Day
Fri 18 December	– End of term

Spring Term 2021

Mon 4 January	– Students return to school
Mon – Fri 15 – 19 February	– Half term
Wed 31 March	– End of term

Summer Term 2021

Mon 19 April	– Students return to school
Mon 3 May	– Bank holiday, School closed
Mon – Fri 31 May – 4 June	– Half term
Mon 7 June	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Fri 23 July	– End of term

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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wed 1 September	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Thu 2 September	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Fri 3 September	– Year 7 Getting Ready Day
Mon 6 September	– Year 8 - 13 Getting Ready Day
Fri 15 October	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Mon – Fri 25 – 29 October	– Half term
Fri 3 December	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Fri 17 December	– End of term

Spring Term 2022

Tues 4 January	– Students return to school
Mon – Fri 14 – 18 February	– Half term
Fri 1 April	– End of term

Summer Term 2022

Tues 19 April	– Students return to school
Mon 2 May	– Bank Holiday
Mon – Fri 30 May – 3 June	– Half term
Fri 10 June	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Fri 22 July	– End of term

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