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To Parents/Guardians of all Year 8 Pupils

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: MIDDLE SCHOOL INDUCTION MORNING – FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2021

There will be an induction morning for all students entering Year 9 on Friday 3 September. All secondary pupils will be subject to asymptomatic testing upon their return to school. If any student has had a positive PCR test, they must not have a lateral flow test for 90 days as it may result in a false positive. Please contact the Middle School Office to let them know if this is the case.

Please could all students attend in full school uniform and bring their own pen, pencil and notebook to make notes from the day's information talks. A reading book is also recommended as some students may have a short wait following their testing. Please also bring a named water bottle to drink from as the Chapel can get quite warm.

All Year 9 students should arrive through the Back Gate, their usual entrance from now on, at their specified time detailed below. They should then line up, socially distanced, on the Sports Hall Yard before being taken into the Sports Hall for testing. They will need to wait 30 minutes for the results of their test and may use their mobiles with headphones during this time. Following the testing boys should proceed to the Drama Studio area where some individual photographs will be taken in that time. Students must keep to the Drama Studio area to prevent mixing with other students entering the site for testing.

Tutor Group	Arrival Time
9J	9.00 am
9M	9.15 am
9O	9.30 am
9P	9.45 am
9W	10.00 am

All boys will need to go to the Chapel at 11.00 am for the start of the induction talks. The morning's programme will 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 time in Middle School and GCSE studies. By raising these issues we hope to minimise the problems and anxieties that can arise at this time.

Boys will receive a short talk from:

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

- Mrs Armstrong – Careers Advisor
- Mrs Drummond - Assistant Head of Middle School / Head of Year 9

Following these talks, any remaining groups will have their photographs taken.

Boys will be dismissed after they have had their talks and individual photographs. The Dining Hall will be open during the lunchbreak, scheduled for 12.30 pm and a food stand will be open outside the Drama Studio at 10.40 am for break. Please ensure that your son's cashless catering account has been topped up. Students may choose to bring in a packed lunch to eat on the yard. We will aim to have all students dismissed by 3.00 pm.

Lunchtime Arrangements

From Monday 6 September the Dining Hall will be available for use by Year 9 boys on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this year. On all other days a food shack offering sandwiches and cold snacks will be open during lunchtime and all morning breaks. Please ensure that your son's cashless catering account has been topped up. All students should also bring a named water bottle to school each day.

Uniform

The rules regarding the wearing of PE kit during the school day remain the same as this year. Please note that blue tracksuit bottoms should be worn as part of this uniform.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs M J Jenner
Head of Middle School



Mrs L Drummond
Assistant Head of Middle School / Head of Year 9