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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: YEAR 8 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 a 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:

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 8s, their first day back in school will be **Thursday 3 September at 10.40am** where they should make their way to the E Block yard. Year 8 should use the Exeter Street 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.

Year 8 will then attend an assembly in the Sports Hall during periods 3 and 4 (10:50am-11:50am). In this assembly, I will explain the new health and safety procedures in place at BWS. The year group will be appropriately distanced throughout the assembly.

Year 8 will continue with their new timetable from period 5 onwards. 8J have PE during periods 5 and 6, which means they will need to come to school in their PE kit (including tracksuit bottoms) and bring their uniform with them to get changed as per the new school guidelines (see below). The rest of Year 8 will need to be in full school uniform. The day will end at 3:50pm.

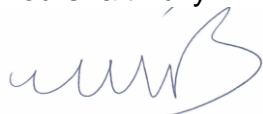
Please note that everyone with Games/PE should arrive already changed in their kit. The amount of changing is to be kept to a minimum but boys will need to get changed into their full uniform after they have Games/PE during periods 1-6. Therefore, only one bag should be brought to school **unless** your 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.

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

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 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, as well as the 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.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Brown', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mr D Brown
Head of Lower School