

Our Ref: IBN/KON

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ALL NEW YEAR 7 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers

Things must seem very strange at the moment but we are very much looking forward to your child's start in September and a return to school for all students. As I am sure you can appreciate, we have been awaiting government guidance and have had to rethink our normal procedures drastically in order to be able to open the school for all year groups and give them the good quality education they so deserve. All of this has been outlined in Mr Dixon's letter to all parents. What I have done in this letter is summarise some of the most pertinent points that are specific to Year 7 and I hope it will answer some of the main queries you may have as your child begins their journey with us.

As you can see from Mr Dixon's letter, we are having to keep our Key Stage 3 students in separate 'year group bubbles'. What this means is that Year 7 will be based along one corridor for the majority of their lessons. This will also be their form room, so in effect we will be running a very similar system to that of primary schools. Where it is different, is that Year 7 will have subject specialist teachers come to them in their base. They will still have to leave their zone for some of their practical lessons such as PE and Drama but the use of equipment will be minimal and where it is used thorough cleaning will take place between each use.

ARRIVAL: On Wednesday September 2nd students are to arrive at the side entrance from 8.30am. This is the large gate next to the car park. The best way to arrive would be on foot, but where you do have to drive I would encourage you to park on the council car park next to the Queen Victoria School and then walk in from there.

LESSONS: Throughout the first two days your child will spend 5 lessons with their form tutor and Head/Deputy Head of House completing a range of activities where they get to know each other and the school. They will also have their photograph taken and biometrics logged to facilitate ParentPay. They will undergo 'baseline assessments' in many of their lessons. This will supplement the information given to us by primary schools so we can gauge their 'starting points' and build from there.

BREAK/LUNCHTIMES: Year 7 will have their own zone for breaks and lunch times. They can purchase food from the River Café however to enable this to happen parents/carers must ensure that ParentPay has been activated. Alternatively, please provide your child with their own snacks and packed lunch.

UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT: Details of both these are found on the school website. Please go to Year 6 Transition – Information for Parents/Carers. We expect your child to be in full school uniform and fully equipped.

COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL: Please try to encourage your child to walk home where possible. Where this is not viable please make arrangements to meet on the council car park rather than on Mill Bank.

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Head Teacher: Steve Dixon

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on a heartfelt thank you for your patience and perseverance. I understand a great many of you have encouraged your children to complete the online activities we have set and have helped them go through some of the PSHE/ Transition support work we posted on our website. You are also encouraging your child to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. I also hope your child is enjoying the reading book we have given to them as part of the transition process.

Please take time to read through Mr Dixon's letter and re-visit our website however should you have any additional queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

J Bassan

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Assistant Head Teacher