

JHE/ELO

5th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year - 2016 -2017

I thought it would be helpful if we put down in one place all the arrangements for the start of the new academic year.

Arrangements for the beginning of the new school year September 2016

Year 7 and 11

We are looking forward to seeing all Year 7 and Year 11 students **Thursday 8th and Friday 9th September** lined up on the playground for 8:25am.

Students should be fully equipped and in full school uniform. Year 7 will need to bring their PE kit Friday 9th September only (tracksuit bottoms are not compulsory at this warmer time of year). ***Everything should be carefully named for safekeeping!***

Due to the building works the kitchen will not be up and running until Monday 12th September so students should bring packed lunches Thursday and Friday, packed lunches will be provided for any students who are in receipt of a Free School Meal.

Over these two days we will be carrying out induction for both year groups and on Thursday we are pleased to be welcoming 'Elevate Education', a dynamic company which specialises in developing students' study skills who will be working with Year 11. Students will be given their timetables and planners and will be choosing their electives for term 1.

School will finish at the normal time of 4pm on Thursday 8th and we anticipate that all students will earn their Golden Time Friday 9th September and should therefore be leaving school at 3:15pm.

Please note the school minibuses will start running on Monday 12th September.

Year 8, 9 and 10

We will be excited to welcome Years 8, 9 and 10 to join Year 7 and 11 **Monday 12th September** lined up on the playground for 8:25am.

All students should be fully equipped and in full school uniform, ***carefully named***. No doubt you will have spent a lot of money purchasing either a full complement or have replaced at least some parts of the school uniform and will want it to last as long as it fits your child rather than them losing it because it is not named.



All students will carry out some 'new school year' induction and will receive their planners and timetables.

Please note: - Following the trial of some changes to our routines in July we have taken on board (student, parent and staff) feedback with regards to the timings of the school day, and this has resulted in a decision being made to end the school day at 4pm.

Staff are already in school, so if you have any further queries, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JHERRON', followed by a small dot.

Jane Herron

Head of School