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To all of our new Year 11 Pupils,

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Since St Peter's closed to the majority of pupils back in March 2020, I recognise that it will have felt very strange and unsettling and the lessons you may have attended in school since June, felt very different to normal. This letter is to provide you with some specifics details for Year 10 in addition to the letter Mrs Murphy has sent to all parents.

Thank you to all of you who have worked hard to complete work set on the student portal, joined Teams lessons and attended face to face lessons in school. Many of you have commented that you are worried that you have not done enough work or you might feel like you are behind. As long as you tried your best, that will always be fine and we will be making sure everybody is supported in catching up when you return. I also know some of you are worried about friends you haven't managed to keep in touch with during the last few months. Again, please do not worry, as so many pupils are saying the same and so we will make sure we support you in this.

When you return in September, school will look slightly different even to now. As you may have seen, there are lots of floor markings, wash stations and different rules. This will be the same in September and all members of the school community will need to wash their hands regularly. There will be some additional rules and systems that we will explain that are designed to make sure all pupils can return safely. We have also introduced a permanent new number room number system to help make finding rooms easier.

One of the changes is that Year 11 will mainly have their lessons in our current Humanities rooms, Block H, and Science blocks, Block J. Our canteen facilities will also change and the choice of food will be more limited compared to last year. There will be a new system of ordering food and this will be explained in September. Year 11 will also need to use just one dedicated gate, which will be **Gate A**. This is the one near to Pupil Support. Year 11 will then need follow the red route to classrooms.



To prepare you for all these changes, we have planned two 'Year 11 Induction Days' on **Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September.**

On **Thursday 3rd September**, this day will be from **9.30am until 3pm**. During this day we will update you on all the changes but there will also be some dedicated workshops to help prepare you for your GCSEs and the work you will need to do next year. **You will be dismissed at 3pm from Gate A.**

On **Friday 4th September**, you will receive your new timetable and we will give you more information about the year ahead. You will also have some 'face to face time' with each of your option subjects. This day will be from **11am until 3pm**.

On Monday 7th September, the new timetable will start for all year groups. In order for all pupils to be able to wash their hands and follow the new systems, the times of the school day will change slightly. For Year 11 pupils, your day will start 15 minutes later and so **you will need to be in your form room at 9am having arrived through Gate A.** This means that your school day will finish 15 minutes later at **3.15pm**, unless of course you have a detention or revision class. Break times and lunchtimes will vary slightly and all of this will be communicated to you on Friday 4th September.

Most of our school rules will be same. Rules such as walking on the left, treating each other with kindness and respect and showing good manners will be the same. However, there will also be some very strict rules about health and safety which we will explain to you on Friday 4th September. It will be important that everybody follows the rules all the time and consequences like detentions will continue to be set.

In terms of school uniform, I expect all pupils to be wearing the correct uniform in September. The blue summer shirt can be worn at this time and I would suggest that this is probably the most sensible. I would also like to remind you that footwear must be black shoes and so trainers or pumps are not permitted. No piercings are allowed at all including earrings for both boys and girls. Extreme haircuts or colours are also not allowed. Please make sure that your return to school is a positive one by making sure you follow all our uniform rules.

Should you have anything you are worried about, you are very welcome to email myself (williamsa@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk), Mr Seickell (seickellt@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk) or your form tutor at any time. Please be assured that the many questions you may still have will be answered when you return for your 'Year 11 Induction Days'. I wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing on Thursday 3rd September.

Kind Regards



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