

22nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support this half-term. The students have responded with maturity to the changes we have implemented for their safety.

Now that we have established the routines with the separate entrances and exits, the different eating arrangements and the wearing of face masks outside of the classroom, I believe it is safe to allow Year 8 to have practical lessons in the specialist areas. From Monday 2nd November in addition to PE, Year 8 will be taught; Art, Computer Science, Technology and Science in their specialist rooms. All their other lessons will be taught in the Year 8 bubble rooms: 106, 207 to 209 and 211. We have assessed the logistics of this decision, increased the cleaning and sanitisation schedules and adapted projects to avoid the sharing of equipment. We know from an educational perspective this is a much better provision, but we have only made this change now that we believe it is safe to do so.

We will monitor the situation and will look to move Year 7 to their practical subjects, but only when it is safe to do so.

Over the holiday, please can you inform us immediately if your son or daughter tests positive for Covid-19 on **07912 379506**. Please text or leave a voicemail stating when your son/daughter started showing symptoms, when they received the positive test and when their last day in school was.

This half term all students were asked to complete a survey to gauge their opinion on their return to school. We are pleased to share that the results of this survey which confirmed that over 70% of students felt that they were back into the routine of learning and felt confident to socialise with others again. The vast majority of students also confirmed that their return to school was a positive experience and that they felt safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely half-term.

Take care.

Yours faithfully,



**MR. W. THOMPSON**  
Principal