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Dear Parent/Carer

The students have made a fantastic start back to school after half term. As of writing, we have not received any further guidance for schools following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Saturday. This means I may need to write to you with further updates.

However, we did a whole school assembly on Monday 2nd with some key safety messages in school. To summarise

- Follow the one - way movement system around the academy
- Masks are essential – please ensure students bring one to school. They need to be worn indoors when moving between lessons.
- Arrive 5 minutes before their start time in the morning (this hasn't changed)

In my letter before half term I mentioned that we were making some tweaks to the school day to even the length of lessons, control the flow of movement around the site and allow for staggered indoor break times for the year groups in bad weather. This means that year 10 will be dismissed from lesson 5 a little earlier at 2.35pm which means they will exit at around 2.40pm. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

I am proud that we have been able to offer the students 5 lessons a day and their full curriculum. To do this we have all had to adapt. As the weather gets colder we still need to ventilate and have windows open. This means that students will be allowed to wear coats in lessons if needed. They should still have a blazer and if they have one a school jumper. Girls can also wear plain black leggings instead of tights underneath their skirt. Students can also wear fingerless gloves.

We have asked that all students ensure that they can access their school email as this will be an essential form of communication should any groups of students need to isolate.

We will be holding a parents forum this term with details to follow. Thank you for your support in an ever changing situation. If we do need to partially close for year groups then we are ready to use teams to provide a timetable of live remote learning.

Jon Francies
Principal

