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Dear Year 8 Parent/Carer

The students have made a fantastic start back to school after half term. We have just received updated guidance for schools following the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday,

From Monday 9th November masks are now compulsory in all schools across the country. These must be worn in communal areas outside of the classroom. It is essential that all students arrive at school with a mask. (We are aware that there are some exemptions).

We have also reminded students to;

- Follow the one - way movement system around the academy
- Arrive 5 minutes before their start time in the morning

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 8 will be dismissed from lesson 5 a little earlier at 2.25pm which means they still leave site at around 2.30pm.

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 can access their school email as this will be an essential form of communication should any groups of students need to isolate.

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.

Yours sincerely



Jon Francies
Principal