



6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back to the new academic year.

I write with an update on the summer improvement works, examination results and some reminders regarding uniform, the start of the school day, Covid and driving safely onto site.

Our new, four classroom RE block is nearing completion, with a handover scheduled for later this week. This is the first part of a phased capital improvement plan funded by WBC to accommodate the agreed growth in pupil numbers in Year 7. Unfortunately, the crane used to install the modules has damaged the tennis courts which are subsequently out of action.

There are also toilets in the new block, supplementing the additional ones created by the site team this summer off the main playground. The KS4 girls' and boys' toilets have been completely renovated too. The KS3 hub has been expanded, and work on the Reading Room is going well.

**School now starts at 8:30am, finishing as usual at 3pm.**

Each child should bring a reading book with them to school each day as tutor time will start with silent reading. There will then be a period of quiet reflection across the whole school.

Children in Years 7, 8 and 9 are allowed to wear Piggott PE kit to school on days when they have PE lessons. A reminder that only Piggott tracksuit bottoms are allowed.

Our new Year 7s and Year 12s returned today, Years 7 to 12 tomorrow, and Year 13s return on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

As always, if your child can walk or cycle to school, these are the preferred options. If you are driving onto the site, please do not park up on the front driveway, rather, follow the snake around the turning circle. When leaving the site by car, please merge in turn.

The latest NHS guidance for Covid infections states: 'If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.' Schools are awaiting any updated guidance from DfE.



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You will hopefully have read the press releases (available on the school website) regarding our amazing examination results this summer. The children did exceptionally well after such a turbulent time during the pandemic. The dedication of the staff once again contributed tremendously to these achievements and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their commitment and professionalism.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher



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