



10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Principal's Update: Week 17, w/c 13.7.2020

I am delighted to inform you that Riddlesdown Collegiate has been reaccredited as a World Class School! Having first achieved the World Class Schools Quality Mark in December 2017, a team of College VI students has been working on our resubmission over the last few months and, this week, at the World Class Schools Virtual Symposium, we were proud to receive our reaccreditation award. Thank you to all students who contributed towards this achievement and to everyone in our community who strives to ensure that our ambitions are always world class.

### *Start of Term – September 2020*

The start of a new academic year is always a crucial and exciting time. As we begin 2020/21, we shall have the challenge and excitement of a full reopening of the Collegiate and reconnecting with all students and staff, many of whom will not have been to school for nearly six months. In considering the details of the first few days, we want to allow time for that reconnection to support transition, preparation and wellbeing. Therefore, in summary:

| Date  | Time   | Year Groups   |
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| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020                                      | All Day  | Staff Only  |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020                                       | 8.30am – 3.00pm<br>9.30am – 2.30pm   | Year 7 Induction Day<br>College VI (Year 12) Induction  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020<br>(time with Tutors and College Teams) | 8.30am – 11.30am<br>9.00am – 12.00pm<br>9.30am – 12.30pm<br>9.30am – 12.00pm | Year 8 students return<br>Year 9 students return<br>Year 10 students return<br>College VI (Year 12) Induction |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020<br>(normal lessons begin)               | 8.20am – 2.15pm<br>10.15am – 2.30pm<br>11.25am – 3.40pm<br>9.25am – 3.40pm   | Year 7<br>Years 8 & 9<br>Years 10 & 12<br>Years 11 & 13   |

Following the publication of DfE guidance last Thursday, this week, the Senior Leadership Team has been very focussed on devising effective plans for the full reopening of the Collegiate in September. The guidance requires schools to consider how they can most effectively minimise contact between individuals: operating a staggered day with students arriving, departing and having break and lunch at separate times is a clear strategy for achieving this. Therefore, as part of the measures which we shall need to adopt next term, I would like to confirm the timings of the day that we will operate from Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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| From Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 | 8.20am – 2.30pm<br>9.30am – 3.40pm | Years 7, 8 & 9<br>Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 |
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These timings will include daily time with Tutors to support pastoral care and will not lead to any loss of learning time – all students will have all of their timetabled lessons in full.

Early next week, I shall write to all parents with further details of how the Collegiate will operate and the further measures we shall be taking in response to the guidance.

#### *Year 7 Induction Webinars*

Thank you to parents of new Year 7 students who joined us for the *Year 7 Induction Webinars* yesterday. These live events were designed to give new parents and students an opportunity to meet with their College Headteacher and have any further questions answered. We hope that you found them useful – we certainly enjoyed doing them as a virtual alternative to our usual face-to-face events. I shall write to new Year 7 parents again next week, but as mentioned yesterday and above, please note that *Year 7 Induction Day* will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. We look forward to meeting our new students then.

#### *A Level & GCSE Results Days*

A Level Results Day will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and GCSE Results Day will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Please refer to Mr Smith's letters for details of timings. Enrolment to College VI will take place simultaneously on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 for Year 11 students. In order to keep the number of students on site to a minimum, we shall not be inviting Year 10 students to collect their GCSE RE results – instead, these results will be sent to students on that day.

#### *Immunisations*

Students in Years 8 & 9 have missed the opportunity to have immunisations that would have been scheduled for the period of school closure. The local health team is keen to catch up before the start of the new academic year and so parents will shortly receive details for immunisations to take place at the Collegiate by strict appointment times during w/c 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

#### *CPA Head Ambassadors*

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lucy Hutchinson 12EAJ and Maddie Lenaghan 12SEJ as CPA Head Ambassadors for 2020/21. They will join the other Head Boys and Head Girls announced last week to form the Collegiate Council and will particularly focus on student engagement with the CPA College.

#### *Tutor Reports*

These should be published today for students in Years 7-10, although we have been experiencing some technical difficulties this morning so I apologise in advance if there is a delay. I hope that parents will find them useful as a summary of students' achievements this academic year.

#### *And finally...*

Don't forget that we shall be broadcasting our first ever CPA Virtual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. All parents and students will be sent a link for you to watch at your convenience. We look forward to finding out which College has won the Lockdown Cup!

Yours sincerely



Mr S Dey  
Principal